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Tougher furniture curbs after foam fire deaths



Mr Tony Lloyd: Mother's death linked to polyurethane foam

By David Sapsted

The Government is to impose the world's toughest controls on the use of polyurethane foam in furniture after the deaths by fire of 10 children, all aged under eight, in the first five days of this year.

Three of the children died in their beds yesterday as dense, toxic fumes filled their home in Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Mr Francis Maude, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said last night that proposed legislation would make it a criminal offence to breach tough new safety standards introduced later this year.

However, campaigners said that even the new regulations would fail to save lives unless there was a complete ban on the foam.

"If the code of practice proposed by the Government last year remains unchanged, dangerous materials will still be used and the new laws will be almost useless", Mr Tony Blair, Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs, said.

Mr Maude said: "The lessons from these tragic fires will be learned. We already lead the world in standards of fire safety in furniture and we are going to toughen these even further.

"Nobody, however, should believe that this problem is simply going to go away. Probably 50 million Britons live in homes where polyurethane is used and it is going to take 20 or 30 years to get rid of that."

Last year, the Department of Trade and Industry put out a consultation document on a new code of practice for the use of polyurethane foam, which, within minutes of catching alight, can burn at 1,000 deg C – hot enough to set metal alight – and which produces hydrogen cyanide fumes, carbon monoxide and hydrochloric acid.

Mr Bob Graham, the assistant chief fire officer of Greater Manchester, who has been leading the fight for tougher legislation, agreed with Mr Blair that if the Government simply followed the proposals made in the consultation paper, the resulting laws would be of no value.

He said that all organizations, except furniture manufacturers, wanted fire-retardant foam and non-ignitable covers to be introduced in all furniture over the next three years. Last year's proposals would allow the continued use of high-resilience foam.

After yesterday's Stevenage blaze, another senior fire officer bitterly criticized the use of the foam and called for restrictions on its use.

"While manufacturers keep on producing furniture containing these products, people will continue to buy them. We can educate people, but while the stuff is on the market, there are going to be deaths of this sort", Mr Michael Howell, Hertfordshire's divisional fire officer, said.

Fire officers in Manchester issued similar warnings on the foam when three young sisters died in their fume-filled living room on Sunday. On New Year's Day, four children and their father died in a fire at their home in Merthyr Tydfil, mid-Glamorgan.

It was also disclosed yesterday that the mother of Mr Tony Lloyd, the Labour MP who has been leading a Commons campaign against the use of foam in furniture, died in her Manchester home on Monday and that "polyurethane foam furnishings were involved".

Mr Lloyd, MP for Stretford, put forward a private member's Bill last year calling for the use of foam to be regulated. Shortly before Christmas, more than 200 MPs signed a motion protesting at a proposal in the consultation paper to allow high-resilience polyurethane to be used under match-ignitable covers for a further three years.

Mr Blair, who wrote to Mr Maude a month ago warning of the dangers of the foam and emphasizing the need for much tougher legislation, said this year's deaths only illustrated the inherent dangers in allowing foam to be sold.

The minister said yesterday that experts were divided on the flammability of high-resilience polyurethane.

"I want the new standards to be effective for at least 10 years, so we have got to get it right", he said.

At least two British companies are preparing to use "combustion-modified" foams that have few of the fire and toxicity risks of conventional polyurethane. Three-piece suites with the new substance will cost an additional £20-£50.

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Intervention triggers recovery

Halt in dollar slide boosts market prices

By David Brewerton

Worldwide intervention to stabilize the dollar sent the United States currency surging against all major world currencies yesterday.

The moves, which included support from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the second day running, were seen by world markets as the signal they have been waiting for that the slide in the dollar has gone far enough, and has reached a level which will be stoutly defended.

However, the dollar's troubles are not yet over, as the underlying cause of the decline which has halved the world value of the US currency in just three years are still unresolved.

But for the moment, markets are convinced that the cat and mouse game with the authorities is being won by the central banks, and that was enough to send stock market prices sharply higher around the world.

In London, the FT-SE 100 share index rose 42.1 to 1789.6 while in New York the Dow Jones industrial average followed through its 76 point increase on Monday with an early gain of 36 points.

London stock market sentiment was helped by government statistics showing a rise in the official reserves by $3.74 billion (£1.97 billion) last month, substantially more than the market had been expecting and more than doubling Britain's foreign currency reserves over the year to $44.3 billion.

But the major impact on the market was the skilful and concerted intervention in the currency markets, bearing out

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reports that a price had been set for the dollar at which the whole apparatus of central bank buying would be brought into play.

Despite the strong state of British foreign currency reserves, the pound lost 4.5 cents against the dollar to close at $1.8278 while the trade weighted sterling index fell 0.5 to 75.4.

The dollar was bought by both the Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan, and the intervention buying triggered purchases of dollars in the market for genuine trading reasons, as corporate treasurers and trading bankers warmed to the idea that the dollar might never be so cheap again.

But the central banks of Italy, Switzerland and Austria all moved into the market, while the Bank of France cut its money market intervention rate, which is the key to all other French market rates, from 7.75 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

The central banks were trying to boost the dollar rather than just stop its fall as they used to do, and they have been successful so far by sparking heavy covering of short dollar positions which were created last month, according to dealers.

One senior foreign exchange dealer at a US bank said: "The Fed is becoming more open about its intervention, and it did not mind showing people at which point it intervened." Dealers said the Fed bought dollars at 1.6130 marks.

Since early morning Tokyo trading on Monday when the dollar hit postwar lows of 120.45 yen and 1.5625 marks, short covering kept boosting the dollar to highs around 1.6325/35 and 127.40/50 until the White House comments came out.

The dollar has returned to pre-Christmas levels and could recover to those in early December, when the dollar was 1.65 marks and 130 yen, one senior dealer said.

But, he added, customers such as US firms are still reluctant to buy dollars or to cover their short positions.

The mood of optimism in the stock markets was heightened by the decision in Tokyo to allow Japanese insurance companies to increase the proportion of their funds allowed to be invested in shares from 3 per cent to 5 per cent.

Investors in Tokyo were expected to embark on a massive spending spree when trading resumed at 3am GMT today with a number of leading London brokers forecasting a rise of at least 500 points in the Nikkei Dow Jones industrial average.

Other dealers were claiming last night that the index could rise by up to 1,000 points enabling world stock markets to extend their strong new year rally.

Dealers at Yamichi, the Japanese security house, claim it could inject an extra £5 billion into the Tokyo stock market driving share prices sharply higher. It could also have a knock-on effect on the world's other leading markets.



A student waves a Palestinian flag under a street sign covered with pictures of Mr Yasir Arafat, the PLO leader, during a demonstration at Bir Zeit in the West Bank yesterday.

Israel and UK work to calm Mellor storm

From Ian Murray in Jerusalem and Andrew McEwen in London

Israel and Britain worked together yesterday to calm the diplomatic storm raised by Mr David Mellor's criticisms of the Israeli Government over conditions in Gaza's refugee camps.

But the Foreign Office in London made it clear that his remarks were fully consistent with British Government policy, and discouraged speculation that he had spoken out of turn.

A meeting between Mr Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister of Israel, produced a show of the underlying strength of relations between the two countries, instead of the plain speaking that had been expected.

The one discordant note came from President Herzog who said that while Mr Mellor was rightly appalled by conditions in the refugee camps, the blame did not lie with Israel.

The President said that he had become "accustomed to the cynicism and the hypocrisy in international life. But surely there are limits".

Mr Mellor spent a long morning and lunchtime in what was officially described as "a warm and positive atmosphere", discussing a whole range of Middle East problems with senior Israeli Foreign Ministry officials.

He then went on to have "a thoroughly positive discussion" lasting 50 minutes with Mr Shamir.

Although "the affair of the colonel", as it has become known in Israel, was raised in passing by the officials, it was ignored by Mr Shamir.

Mr Mellor described his meeting with the Prime Minister – "a very courteous chap" – as "very useful and constructive".

Mr Mellor roused Israeli tempers on Monday when he challeneged an army officer in a Gaza refugee camp about the arrest of a boy for stone-throwing, after the Minister sternly and publicly criticized Israel for its policies in the occupied territories.

The shooting and killing yesterday of yet another Palestinian by Israeli troops in the Gaza Strip helped to put Mr Mellor's remarks into a more sombre context.

The man was killed during a demonstration which started from the home of one of the nine people against whom deportation orders have just been issued.

In a violent clash with the Army, eight other Palestinians were wounded as well as five Israeli soldiers.

The incident added to the urgency of the message that Mr Mellor had very deliberately and calculatingly delivered in the refugee camp.

Some criticism of Mr Mellor emerged from Mr Ariel Sharon, the combative Trade and Industry Minister, who

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Washington – President Mubarak of Egypt will make a state visit to Washington on January 28, the White House announced yesterday (Michael Binyon writes). He will hold talks with President Reagan on the Middle East situation and the Palestinian demonstrations in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

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Police offer big reward

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

West Midlands police yesterday took the rare step of offering a reward of up to £10,000 from their own budget for help in catching the burglar who murdered two elderly Birmingham spinsters in their corner shop.

Other police forces have launched reward offers in the past but the West Midlands offer is one of the largest amounts that police themselves have put forward.

Rewards are usually raised by private individuals, civilian organizations or insurance companies for information leading to a conviction. But West Midlands police are offering their reward on the basis of arrest and charge.

They went ahead after the West Midlands police authority agreed the money could be offered and after consultations with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The money is being offered to catch what police believe was a professional burglar who killed Alice and Edna Rowley on December 22 in their shop in Greswolde Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham. Alice Rowley, aged 87, was strangled and her sister, Edna, aged 77, was suffocated.

Thatcher may visit S Africa

From Robin Oakley
Nairobi

Mrs Margaret Thatcher defied black African opinion yesterday, telling President Moi of Kenya in private talks that she was not ruling out a trip to South Africa.

The Prime Minister told him that the time was not yet ripe, but if she felt it would hasten the end of apartheid, she was willing to go.

Earlier, visiting Masai people south of Nairobi, Mrs Thatcher was named "Big Mama Thatcher" by local women in a welcoming song. It appears that she was especially welcome because she brought rain with her.

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Judge quits after security dispute

By John Cooney

The Lord Chancellor has accepted the resignation of an Ulster judge who will step down on Friday after a dispute with the Royal Ulster Constabulary over his personal protection.

Mr Andrew Donaldson, aged 47, submitted his resignation to Lord Mackay of Clashfern during the Chancellor's visit to Belfast shortly before Christmas.

Mr Donaldson, a judge of the Northern Ireland county court bench since April 1983, yesterday issued a statement explaining his resignation.

It said: "I have been obliged to take this step mainly because of regretable and persistent inadequacies in my security".

Mr Donaldson's brief statement provoked an immediate reply from the RUC, which insisted that security was not the sole ground for Mr Donaldson's resignation and it regretted the terms of the statement.

"The RUC rejects the criticism and the simplification of the difficult and complicated matter of personal security against terrorist threat", the RUC said.

"It is the established policy of the RUC not to discuss personal security in public. To do so is in itself a breach of security."

Mr Donaldson, himself a former member of the force, dismissed the RUC response as "evasive and deceitful".

Judge Donaldson replaced Judge William Doyle, who was shot dead by the IRA.

Judge Donaldson, who intends to return to private practice at the Northern Ireland Bar, said last night: "I knew the risk involved when I took the job. After all, I was replacing a murdered judge. I accepted restrictions would be necessary.

"But security was not intrusive. It was inadequate and insufficient for my protection."

It is understood that a cause of friction between the judge and the RUC was his wish to attend classes at the University of Ulster's Jordanstown building, north of Belfast. This was objected to by the RUC.

Sources close to Mr Donaldson suggested that the judge felt that Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable, was taking it upon himself to restrict his private life.

But security sources insisted last night that the RUC must decide for itself on security arrangements for VIPs and not relinquish this duty to those under its protection.

"It is not lack of protection or lax protection we are being accused of", a senior security source said last night. "We are being criticized for applying rigid security."

Mr Robert McCartney, a senior Queen's Counsel, said he understood that Judge Donaldson's security was withdrawn without warning.

General Motors heralds the dawn of its revival

From Charles Bremner
New York

A florid-faced man with the high-pitched tone of a provincial preacher gripped the lectern in the huge Waldorf Astoria ballroom yesterday and tried to persuade a jaded congregation that, once again, General Motors was ready to lead the world.

Mr Roger Smith, the unlikely looking chairman of the world's biggest industrial corporation, was taking something of a risk.

General Motors, the company that once wielded the might of a near sovereign state, is in trouble. But its leaders think that the bad publicity is unjustified, so they decided to win over hearts and minds with a multi-million dollar extravaganza in New York's ritziest hotel.

Watched by cohorts of top executives in sober corporate suits, as well as dozens of steely security men, Mr Smith presented a 120-screen video spectacular on the new-look GM and sang the praises of the Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, Chevrolets, Buicks and Cadillacs parked on the deep carpet. In the near mystical language of corporate-speak, he said that GM had gone through "monumental change" and was once again making cars that people want to buy.

"I believe that there is a tidal wave of team-work building up in GM nowadays. It's an all-for-one and a one-for-all spirit that's just beautiful to see . . . We have proof positive that we are ready to lead the industry into the 21st century." Workers appearing on the "video wall" described, confession-style, the traumas of conversion to the robot age. "My wife said, 'You can do it.' Just hang in there, you can do it," said one toiler.

According to the experts, Mr Smith may be premature. The once-invincible GM has suffered badly, in both sales and image, at the hands of its two junior rivals, Ford and Chrysler.

Ford has largely healed from the carnage inflicted on the auto-dinosaurs by foreign competition, and late last year it began to rival GM's sales. GM's market share is now about 36 per cent compared, with more than 50 per cent in the old days.

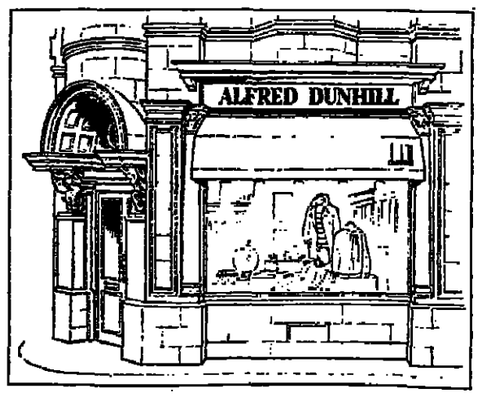
Chrysler, though still in trouble and a distant third, has benefited from its spectacular recovery from near bankruptcy under the leadership of Mr Lee Iacocca, the extrovert salesman whose memoirs have become the best-selling autobiography of the decade.

Mr Smith, a brilliant but mild accountant who worked his way to the top of the huge GM bureaucracy, has come under fire for uninspired leadership and failing to do enough to shake up old-style management, despite thousands of lay-offs and many factory closures.

He was also dented by the controversial decision last year to buy out the stake held by a critical shareholder, Mr H Ross Perot, the Texas tycoon, for $743 million (£394 million). Two months ago, Mr Perot said

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ex-MI6 officers helped with book

Former members of MI6 helped to supply information for a new book about a past head of the secret service, Major General Sir Stewart Menzies, which claims that the traitor Kim Philby was known to be a Soviet spy before he fled to Moscow and was manipulated by British intelligence for its own purposes.

The book, *The Secret Servant, the Life of Sir Stewart Menzies*, by Mr Anthony Cave Brown, is due to be published by Michael Joseph in July, after publication in the United States. Yesterday the publishers confirmed that Mr Cave Brown had talked to a number of Sir Stewart's associates.

● The Scottish Lord Advocate, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, was last night considering whether to seek an interim interdict banning *The Scotsman* newspaper from publishing more extracts from *Inside Intelligence*, the memoirs of Mr Anthony Cavendish, the former intelligence officer. The High Court in London on Saturday banned *The Sunday Times* and *The Observer* from printing material deriving from Mr Cavendish's time in the security service.

Prostitute pensions

Prostitutes infected with Aids should be given a state pension and encouraged to "retire" to help to stop the spread of the disease, a senior doctor has suggested.

That would make financial sense if it led to fewer Aids patients needing expensive NHS treatment, Dr Frank Hull, senior lecturer in general practice at Birmingham University, said in the medical journal *The Physician*.

"We have to do everything in our power to limit the heterosexual spread of the disease.

Soccer charges

Four Scottish Premier Division footballers pleaded not guilty yesterday to conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace during a match between Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox stadium on October 17 last year.

The four, Terry Butcher, Chris Woods and Graham Roberts of Rangers, and Frank McAvennie, of Celtic, will appear for trial in Glasgow on February 16.

Yesterday Mr Len Murray, legal counsel for all four, delivered their pleas at Glasgow Sheriff Court. The players did not appear.

Ford offer rejected

Union leaders representing more than 30,000 Ford motor company employees are expected on Friday to reject the company's "final" pay offer when they meet management in London.

In exchange for far-reaching changes in working practices, the company has offered the union rises of 6.5 per cent this year with inflation-linked rises for the following two years, a package estimated to be worth 16.3 per cent.

Yesterday, the Amalgamated Engineering Union said its 8,500 workers employed by the company had overwhelmingly rejected the offer.

Reunion in Yemen

The mother of two Birmingham women, who say they were sold as teenage brides by their father, has been reunited with them in North Yemen.

It is hoped that the reunion of Mrs Miriam Ali with her daughters Zana and Nadia Muhsen will help to clarify their claims.

The women, who have dual Yemeni-British nationality, have said they wish to return to Britain with their three children but are waiting for the Home Office to give their husbands visas.

Checking up on BA

The Government has called on the Civil Aviation Authority to implement plans for monitoring the progress made by British Airways in carrying out undertakings given to the Monopolies and Mergers *Commission when it sought* approval for its bid for British Caledonian.

Lord Brabazon of Tara, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, has asked the CAA for a report on the fulfilment of these safeguards, which provided the basis on which the commission reached its decision.

Ferry lorry weigh-in

Lorries will have to be weighed accurately from next December before boarding roll-on roll-off ferries in an attempt by the Department of Transport to improve safety.

The move comes in the wake of a recommendation of the inquiry into the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise which was told that the weight of lorries on ferries was only estimated, and that research showed that estimates underweighed by about 13 per cent. The industry has until the end of the month to respond to the proposal.

Britons back European army, poll says

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Most people support the integration of the EEC's armed forces together with a common legal system and the introduction of a Supreme Court for Europe, according to an opinion poll on attitudes towards the Community published yesterday.

Yet there remains deep anxiety about the transfer of more power to the European Parliament and the threat the EEC poses to Britain's identity.

A majority of people back a common European passport, but almost two thirds of those questioned in a MORI poll opposed the abolition of Customs checks between the 12 EEC member states.

The poll also shows support for the material advantages brought about by EEC membership in areas such as travel, living standards, price and variety of food, but being in the EEC was seen as damaging fishing and agriculture and employment prospects.

As well as revealing big contradictions in people's attitudes towards the EEC, the poll highlights massive ignorance about the workings of the European Parliament, its members and the date of the next Euro-elections.

It also indicates that while only 37 per cent of those questioned thought Britain's membership of the European Community was a good thing, a slim majority of 51 per cent are resigned to their children being more a part of Europe. Fifteen years after Britain entered the EEC, only 48 per cent of those interviewed want the country to remain in the EEC and 39 per cent would prefer a withdrawal.

The poll, conducted for the European Democratic Group, which includes the Conservative Party, was welcomed by Mr Christopher Prout, a Conservative Euro MP, for many of its suprising findings in the *area of greater European unification.*

He said: "The most positive things are the most suprising and particularly the number of those who thought that greater European unification is desirable. But there is a contradiction between the desire for greater unity and fear about more power going to the Community".

The survey, carried out by MORI last September among 2,003 adults in Britain, showed 64 per cent "very much for" or "to some extent for" efforts to unify Western Europe, with 56 per cent believing that it would be a good thing for Europe.

Fifty eight per cent backed a common European system of legal practice and a fully integrated armed service to defend Europe, 52 per cent the introduction of a Supreme Court of Europe and 51 per cent a European passport.

Opinion was more evenly divided on the question of a common taxation system, with 41 per cent in favour and 38 per cent against. Fifty per cent were opposed to more power being transferrred from national legislatures to the European parliament and 63 per cent opposed the abolition of Customs checks between member states on the grounds of fears about terrorist activity, greater drugs smuggling and the danger of rabies being introduced into Britain.

Two out of three people, however, are worried that Britain might lose some of its power to govern itself if Europe became more united.

Meningitis warning came too late, says mother of dead boy

By Craig Seton

A mother whose son died in the meningitis outbreak in Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday accused health officials of failing adequately to warn parents of the dangers of the disease spreading in the town.

Mrs Reena Heaton's son, Adam, aged three, died on New Year's Day. The outbreak in the county has killed two others. Mrs Heaton's daughter, Sarah, aged six, is one of two girls recovering in hospital from the disease, meningococcal meningitis.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think that two of my children would get such a disease", Mrs Heaton said. "It may have been different if we had known earlier what was happening and got medication immediately.

"It is something we will never know and I am not angry. I will do anything I can *to help other parents* because I do not want them to panic about this."

The first of the three Malvern victims was Mr Philip Chapman, aged 18, who lived half a mile away from her family, Mrs Heaton said. He died on Boxing Day. There had been no alert to parents by health officials and she did not realize that Mr Chapman had lived so close. It was not until this Monday that health officials called a press conference to announce the three deaths.

Mrs Heaton, aged 31, said: "Had we known, we and other parents would have been more alert, more watchful".

Her daughter Sarah became ill with a stiff neck on December 29 and was taken into Worcester Royal Infirmary to be treated immediately for meningitis. On New Year's Day, Mrs Heaton found Adam hyperventilating, with his eyes dilating and a high temperature. "I just screamed and ran to telephone for the doctor."

Adam was taken to Worcester Royal Infirmary and transferred to East Birmingham Hospital but died that day.

Yesterday 70 concerned parents gathered at Poolbrook primary school, which Sarah and Mrs Heaton's other son, Simon, aged nine, attend, on *the housing estate where four* of the five victims live. Twenty-four of the 90 pupils at the school were kept away by their parents because of fears of the disease spreading.

Four children were in hospital in Cleveland last night suffering from meningitis.

A teenaged boy and girl were said to be very ill, but the two others, both girls under one year old, were improving. All four were admitted to hospital in Middlesbrough at Christmas, South Tees Health Authority said last night.

There appears to be no connection between the cases, although health officials are investigating. Three of the victims are understood to have meningococcal meningitis, the most serious form of the illness. Health officials advise parents to contact their GPs if their children show symptoms including severe headache, stiff necks or vomiting.

Mrs Jackie Barnett, aged 27, a nurse whose daughter Kimberley, aged six, attends the school, said: "Of course *everyone is very worried* because four of the people who caught the disease came from the same housing estate. I will not let my children go to school unless I am reassured by the doctors that it is all right."

The headmistress, Mrs Ann Hemsley, urged parents to bring pupils back to school after they had heard Dr Brian McCloskey, acting medical officer for the Worcester Health Authority, tell them there was no danger at school.

The parents, some with small children, were clearly anxious as they crowded into the school hall and asked Dr McCloskey a series of questions. Dr McCloskey denied that the health authority had kept the outbreak "quiet".

He said: "The first case was *Boxing Day and the last was* on Sunday. It happened over the holiday period and we announced it to the press on Monday when we knew what the situation was. There was no attempt to keep it quiet. The death of Philip Chapman was widely reported in the *newspapers.*"

He said that the meningococcal meningitis in Malvern were of both the B and C bacterial form and said: "You are safe to bring your children to school".

The chances of catching the disease, which most affected children under five, were about one in 4,000 and usually involved only close contact between people.

He said of the disease: "It comes in short bursts and then disappears and I think that is what is happening in this area. We hope it is at an end and will disappear."

Health officials have ruled out any direct link with the meningitis outbreak in Stroud, Gloucestershire, 20 miles away, which has affected more than 100 people over the past six years.

The other death from the outbreak of the disease, which affects the lining of the brain, was that of a woman, aged 63, on Sunday. The fifth victim in Malvern, a girl aged 16, is now recovering in Worcester Royal Infirmary.

The last death in Malvern from meningitis was in February 1986. The victim was a schoolboy, aged 13, at Malvern College.



Mr Kirk on top form yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

'Flying vet' fights discipline case

By Robin Young

A veterinary surgeon had a series of convictions for contempt of court and disorderly conduct which made him unfit to practise, the disciplinary committee of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons was told in London yesterday.

Mr Maurice Kirk, of St Sampson's, Guernsey, had been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for attempting a citizen's arrest of the acting magistrate in a case in which he was appearing as defendant in July, 1984, Mr James Watt, for the Royal College, said.

In July, 1986, Mr Kirk was sentenced to two months' imprisonment after he had threatened the same court official, and abused Mr Vic Carey, the Attorney General of Guernsey, offering to go outside and fight, during an adjournment in another court case, the committee was told.

Mr Kirk, formerly known as the "Flying Vet", is a familiar figure in courts. Originally he was notorious for low flying, drunken driving, fighting policemen and terrifying aerobatics performed in an Italian bi-plane infested with woodworm.

He appeared for the disciplinary hearing in a Norfolk knickerbocker suit presented to him by his friend, the actor Oliver Reed.

The man who once parachuted from 8,000 ft to his wedding, flew a light aeroplane under Tower Bridge, and made a drunken landing at Hurn Airport yesterday failed in his attempt to claim that he had become an expert on Guernsey law.

Mr Conrad Griffiths, for Mr Kirk, claimed that the proceedings were premature.

The committee rejected Mr Griffith's submission.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Trend in smoking concerns Currie

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

More than a million schoolchildren and 60,000 babies born this year will die of smoking-related diseases such as lung cancer, Mrs Edwina Currie said yesterday.

"It is vital that everything possible is done to avoid this wholly preventable and tragic loss of life", the Under Secretary of State for Health said.

Her warning came as unpublished figures of smoking rates for 1986 show that the decline in smoking which was marked in the early 1980s is levelling off and is negligible in female smokers.

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys says the percentage of adult male smokers has dropped from 36 to 34 per cent of the population.

The proportion of females who smoke has fallen from 32 per cent only to 31 per cent, a drop which is not statistically significant.

Mrs Currie said: "I am particularly concerned that smoking among women is falling more slowly. It is significant that lung cancer is rapidly overtaking breast cancer as a cause of death among women."

Studies showed that girls aged between 11 and 15 smoked twice as many cigarettes as boys of the same age.

Speaking at a press conference in London to announce details of this year's No Smoking Day on March 9, she said that the Department of Health is drawing up a non-smoking policy to be aimed at young women.

Professor Richard Peto, director of the Cancer Research Studies Unit at Oxford University, predicted the number of deaths if smoking continues at the 1988 rate.

Of today's 15 million children and teenagers about one third would become smokers and a quarter of these would die from smoking.

Related diseases claimed 600,000 lives a year, a sixth of all deaths. "Of 1000 smoking adults, one will be murdered, six will die on the roads and 250 will be killed by tobacco", Professor Peto said.

Urging the public to "kill the weed before it kills you", Mrs Currie also gave a warning of the dangers of passive smoking and the damage smoking can do to the unborn child.

She cited a recent report which showed that children whose mothers smoked during pregnancy were shorter and had smaller brains than children whose mothers did not smoke.

Mrs Currie emphasized there was clear evidence that families of smokers were more likely to have respiratory problems. "The families of smokers might well contract lung cancer."

She said the Government would need to consider a report on passive smoking *from the independent Scientific Committee on Smoking* and Health, to be published next month. "Employers have a particular responsibility. I hope that they will encourage no smoking areas."

Professor Peto urged the Government to increase taxes *on cigarettes and to introduce* legislation to restrict cigarette advertising to the point of sale.

TV crews 'ready to starve'

By Tim Jones

The leader of the technicians at TV-am, in the 45th day of their dispute with the company over manning levels, said yesterday they were prepared to continue their action for many months until the company agreed to hold "reasonable discussions".

Mr Tim Wight, the shop steward of the Association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians at TV-am, said:"The resolve of the members is such that they are prepared to hold out for a very long time. The only way the company will win on their terms is if they starve us out, and then we would go back with pride."

He said the union was willing to meet the company at any time to discuss the dispute without any pre-conditions. "But what we are not prepared to do is to surrender totally; which is what they appear to want".

The union, he said, had already told the company it was willing to discuss new arrangements to end multiplying overtime payments, which have resulted in some union members claiming thousands of pounds in overtime.

Mr Wright said that many of the 229 technicians had applied for jobs elsewhere.

The dispute, which began over manning levels for the company's Caring Christmas campaign, has now become one of the management's right to manage.

Contrary to some reports, the IBA has not criticized the new content of TV-am's strike-hit programmes.

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Ministers criticized on secrets

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

A Conservative backbencher accused the Government yesterday of calling out the "political SAS" to block his private member's Bill seeking to reform Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Richard Shepherd, MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, was condemning the ministerial decision to impose a three-line whip against his measure when it comes before the Commons next Wednesday.

Mr Shepherd said that he was astonished and confused by what appeared to be the "irrational and erratic" attitude of the Government.

He said that ministers had argued that his Bill affected national security and that their own work on a new Act had not yet reached the stage at which it would be possible for them to give a detailed view of his measure. However, he maintained, his Bill did not touch on issues covered by Section 1 of the existing law.

"I have never come across such tortuous and irrational argument in all my time in Parliament. What it seems that the Government wants MPs to do is to reject the second reading of my Bill so that it cannot be discussed in detail, but at the same time not to say what, if anything, is wrong with what I propose or what, if anything, should be put in its place.

"If we don't have some of these answers . . . we will just be giving a blank cheque to pay for a journey in the dark."

His Bill seeks to narrow the catch-all provisions of Section 2 by defining "protected information". The Crown would have to prove that an unauthorized disclosure had caused "serious injury" to the nation and defendants would also be able to plead "public interest".

Other areas hit but cause of disease still unknown

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

It emerged yesterday that other areas of the country have also experienced recent outbreaks of meningitis which *have claimed several lives.*

Health officials in Portsmouth are still carrying out an inquiry into five cases of meningitis between December 2 and December 22 which resulted in two deaths.

Two of the victims were male students at Portsmouth Polytechnic although health experts have failed to find a link between the two. The first student to contract the disease is still at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. The second, Mr Kevin McCarthy, has since died.

The other victims were a young man and woman in their early twenties, who have now both been discharged from hospital, and a girl aged 15 who died on Christmas Eve.

Dr Duncan Walters, a specialist in community medicine at Portsmouth health authority, said yesterday that all five cases appeared to be unconnected.

Tests were still being carried out to determine the strain of the disease although some of them were the commonest C strain.

Plymouth has also experienced several recent cases of meningitis. Five people have contracted the disease over the last two months and one of these has died.

Two students at Warwick University also contracted the disease after the university *broke up for the Christmas* vacation. One of the students, a woman from Hampshire, died on December 17. The other, a man from London, was admitted to a London hospital, where he is still recovering.

Forty known close contacts of the two students have been contacted and given antibiotics and vaccinations.

Dr John Twomey, the Coventry Environmental Health Medical Officer, said the meningitis which struck the two students was of a different strain to that which has been causing concern in the Stroud and Malvern areas.

The national Meningitis Trust was holding an emergency meeting last night to discuss the latest outbreaks.

● Two children died of meningitis in Kent last month. They were a child aged two from Sheerness and one aged nine from Rainham.

Trial in absentia likely

Legal history may be made at the Central Criminal Court next month with a trial proceeding in the absence of the accused.

Judge Lymbery, QC, said yesterday that he was anxious to preside over a trial with or without John Kendall, one of two prisoners who escaped from Gartree prison last *month by helicopter.*

Kendall, aged 36, from Plaistow, east London is awaiting trial on charges of attempted murder during a £35,000 bank robbery in north London. The case collapsed because of jury "nobbling".

Judge Lymbery described Kendall's history — he escaped in 1984 from prison at the start of an eight-year sentence for burglary — as "wholly exceptional, if not unique" and said he was prepared to go ahead with a hearing. Lawyers can find no record of a complete trial being held without the defendant present.

Chess men draw after 12 moves

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

International master Nigel Davies of England and Lev Psakhis of the Soviet Union agreed on a draw after only 12 moves and 75 minutes play in the seventh round of the Foreign and Colonial Hastings Grandmaster Chess Tournament yesterday.

The pair drew with practically all the pieces still on their board.

Grandmasters Nunn and Short took 23 moves to reach their draw, although there too, much material was still on the board.

The other two games, between former British champion Jonathan Speelman and Murray Chandler, and Joel Benjamin and Bent Larsen, continued for much longer.

Speelman appeared to have chances in his game. Larsen had uneven material with the advantage of the exchange, but there were still many chances on both sides.

The International Chess Federation announced during the course of play yesterday that Speelman and Short have both achieved very high rankings and are well over the 2,600 mark.

The announcment shows the great strength achieved by British players in recent years.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

More than for a very long time, the coming political year is likely to be dominated by the running battles over the Government's legislative programme.

The air will be thick with reports and rumours of rebellions in the Lords or the Commons over the community charge, education and housing.

This is inevitable when the programme is the most ambitious and contentious within memory. Nor should one object in principle to a Government whose purpose is to do something, not simply to be there.

But is this Government spending its political capital in the right way at the right time? Leaving aside the details of the legislation, is it aimed at the right targets?

The Government has certainly got its timing right. The first session of a new Parliament presents the best opportunity for pushing through controversial Bills.

The authority of ministers is buoyed up by their election victory, the morale of the governing party should be at its highest and with luck there should be time for the voters to forget whatever anguish is inflicted upon them before the next election comes around.

This last point applies only uncertainly to the community charge. The legislation itself should be well out of the way before the next election, but it is likely to be implemented about a year before the voters next go to the polls — in other words, just at the time when voting intentions are beginning to crystallize.

This indicates to my mind one of the two strategic weaknesses in the Government's programme. The education system in this country is in such a mess that it demands reform. Ministers may not have got all the details right — in particular, I suspect that the proposed core curriculum tries to cover too much ground and will therefore be too restrictive — but they are right to try.

The same broad principle applies to housing. These are areas where it is right to spend political capital, whatever the political risks may be. But that is not true of the community charge.

Local authority finance does, it is true, present a problem. Domestic rates are not an ideal source of revenue, and at some time in the future there would be the hideous difficulty of revaluation when some property owners would inevitably be faced with sharp and sudden increases. Scottish experience in the last Parliament provides an awful warning.

But the problem is not so pressing that it is worth spending so much political capital now on the community charge. That may intensify the difficulties over education and housing, and it could also deter the Government from tackling the other strategic weakness in its programme.

There is even more public anxiety today about the health service than about education or housing. For ministers to throw around statistics as they have been doing is quite inadequate either as an answer to the substance of the problem or as a political response.

Mrs Thatcher is known to believe that reform of the National Health Service should be a task for her fourth, not her third term. But the Government may need to be seen to be rising to the challenge before then.

The difficulty is that improvements are required, but any hint of change is liable to arouse fears that an uncaring administration is about to mutilate the service. There are, however, some ideas now being considered within the Government which need not infringe the cherished principle that essential medical treatment should be available either free or at low cost to the patient at the point of delivery.

There could be greater competition from the private sector in the supply of medical care — in the building or operation of hospitals, for example — without affecting the rights of patients. There could be more competition within the NHS itself.

It would be a tragedy if the exploration of these and other ideas was inhibited because the Government had wasted so much political credit on the community charge.

Driver who caused deaths jailed after private prosecution

By Michael McCarthy

A young drunken driver, two of whose friends were killed when his van crashed, was sent to prison yesterday after a private prosecution by the parents of one of the victims, who complained of the inadequacy of the sentence.

Paul Curran, aged 21, who was badly hurt himself in the crash in July 1986, was jailed for 15 months at the Central Criminal Court after admitting two charges of causing death by reckless driving.

The Crown Prosecution Service had originally charged him only with the lesser offences of careless driving and driving with excess alcohol, but Mr Danny Healy and his wife, Patricia, parents of Mark Healy, who died in the crash, instigated a private prosecution.

After the hearing, Mrs Healy complained that the sentence on Curran, who, the court was told, was "genuinely remorseful", was "absolutely disgusting" in its leniency. "He should have got at least ten years for manslaughter", Mrs Healy said.

Mrs Healy and her husband have spent much of the last 18 months pursuing the prosecution of their dead son's friend, backed by the Campaign Against Drunken Drivers, a pressure group formed three years ago by two fathers whose children were killed by drink-drivers.

Mrs Healy, a former nurse from Wood Green, north London, where Curran also lives, said yesterday: "We can never forgive him. From the start, he should have been charged with manslaughter or causing death by reckless driving. I hope if he does 15months it will be 15months from the day he goes in to the day he gets out."

Mr Healy said: "Please don't talk about justice. There can be no justice for my son because he is in a cemetery. This Christmas there were three dinner plates where there used to be four. All over Christmas I wondered how many other people have been killed in the same way."

The accident, the court was told, happened when Curran, then 19, took five friends for a ride in his van in Enfield, Middelesex, in the early hours of July 14, 1986, after visiting a discotheque. The van went off the road and hit a tree, killing outright Mark Healy, aged 21, and another friend, Roger Ryan, aged 19. Curran was badly injured.

Mr John Bevan, for the prosecution, said tests showed Curran had a blood alcohol count of 114 milligrams, the legal limit being 80. "A decision was made to prosecute the defendant for careless driving and driving with excess alcohol." Mrs Healy immediately tried to persuade the Crown Prosecution Service to change its mind and then started a private prosecution which the CPS took over in May, 1987, after the case had been committed for trial.

Mr Graeme Sampson, for Curran, said that his client had been "punished substantially for this offence already".

He added: "This is a tragic incident which has left an emotional legacy for everybody involved. Mr Curran is genuinely remorseful and feels he is responsible for the death of his close friends. That is a matter which will rest with him for ever."

The judge told Curran: "Everybody must know that if they drive when they have taken too much to drink, and are over the limit, then they must expect to go to prison.

"If it is found that people are driving recklessly having taken excess drink, and that they virtually get away with it, then in my view there is no point in having a campaign of the sort that we have had in recent days."

He imposed a 15-month sentence to run concurrently on each charge and disqualified Curran from driving for three years. Mr and Mrs Healy, who had to put their house up as security against anticipated legal costs, were awarded costs.



Mr and Mrs Healy with their son Michael outside the court.

Minister protests at Tate 'obscenity'

By Michael McCarthy

A government minister has written to Sir Alan Bowness, director of the Tate Gallery, expressing outrage at a sculpture with an obscene label which has been seen by children queueing for the gallery's Beatrix Potter exhibition.

Mr David Mitchell, the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, says that he and his small son saw the work, entitled "English Heritage — Humpty F****** Dumpty", and he was appalled.

He asks Sir Alan if "these are the depths to which you have sunk", and calls the exhibit, a collage of "found objects" by Bill Woodrow, disgraceful. He has sent a copy of his letter to Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

Mr Mitchell was on holiday and could not be contacted last night.

Mr Luce said: : "I was disturbed to learn of this".

However officials at The Tate, which bought the work before Christmas for a reported £15,000, strongly defended it.

Mr Richard Morphet, the Tate's Keeper of Modern Art, said he thought it an entirely legitimate work.

He said it was a considerable distance away on another floor from the Beatrix Potter exhibition.

Sir Alan was unavailable last night.

● The head of restoration at the British Museum yesterday denied accusations that Mr Eric Harding, one of the museum's conservators, was a controversial figure to have been chosen by the National Gallery to restore the Leonardo Cartoon which was damaged by shotgun last July.

Aged six, and fame beckons



Alexandra Pakenham, aged six, is about to become one of television's youngest celebrities. The granddaughter of Lord and Lady Longford has been chosen to appear in the forthcoming BBC2 film *Sweet As You Are*, portraying the daughter of a couple who find their marriage threatened by Aids. The film, a "moral tale for the anxious Eighties", also stars Miranda Richardson and Liam Neeson, and will be transmitted on January 24 as part of the forthcoming *Screen 2* season (Photograph: John Rogers).

Portfolio Gold

Winnings will help job hunter

Three winners share the Portfolio Gold prize of £16,000, four times the usual amount as there has been no winner for three days.

Mr Stephen Edelman, an unemployed former chauffeur for a merchant bank in the City of London, plans to invest his share of the windfall on a computer to enhance his job prospects.

Mr Edelman, aged 55, of Peplins Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, said: "I have been unemployed for two years but I am hoping for a job in arts administration and I will use the money to improve my chances of getting a job. I have written 50 applications in the last month with no responses as yet."

After gaining an Open University degree Mr Edelman took a further degree at the Middlesex Polytechnic in economics and geography and is applying for an arts job in the Home Counties.

Mrs Caroline Wilkins, aged 30, of St Dominics, Saltash, Cornwall, plans to use her £5,333 to set up a trust for her daughter Rebecca, aged seven months, after discussing the best plans with her husband Graham, an accountant.

Mr Nigel Harris, of Ashworth Road, Maida Vale, west London, also shares the prize.

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Mr Stephen Edelman: seeks arts administration job.

Tests 'a disaster' for one in five pupils

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

The Government's plan to impose national tests on all pupils at the ages of seven, 11, 14 and 16 could spell disaster for the one in five who have special educational needs, Dr Ronald Davie, the director of the National Children's Bureau, said yesterday.

He told the North of England Education Conference in Nottingham that most children with significant learning difficulties would, by definition, fail if they were measured against the attainment targets the Government was planning to introduce.

Dr Davie said this was one example of the fundamental conflict between the Government's Education Reform Bill and the 1981 Education Act which introduced the concept of special needs.

Another example, he said, was the Bill's proposal for a rigid, subject-dominated curriculum. He said this could lead to children with learning difficulties being excluded from mainstream schools, thus frustrating one of the principle aims of the 1981 Act.

Dr Davie said the third area of concern was what would happen to children with special needs in schools that opted out of local authority control.

"Would these pupils continue to have due priority?" he asked. "Would there not be a temptation for an opted-out school, anxious to increase its appeal to the majority of parents and to raise its academic standards, to give such children low priority?"

Dr Davie added that a civilized society was judged by the way it provided for the underprivileged, the sick, the vulnerable and the handicapped. He proposed that a preamble should be inserted in the Bill saying that nothing contained in it should disadvantage children with special educational needs.

Earlier, the Bill was criticized by Professor John Elliott, professor of education at East Anglia University, who described it as totalitarian and anti-educational.

He said the Bill was designed to turn pupils into marketable commodities and teachers into "technical operatives delivering a pre-determined curriculum".

Thousands of less well-off parents are caught in a "genteel poverty trap" which prevents them from sending their bright offspring to secondary independent schools under the Assisted Places Scheme, the new chairman of the Headmasters' Conference said yesterday.

Mr David Smith, head of Bradford Grammar School, said couples with a net joint income of £12,000 a year would have to pay half fees — but that still amounted to £1,200 a year at an average day school.

Mr Smith, who takes over this week as chairman of the association of the top 220 boys' schools, said: "I really think this trap is putting off many people who could otherwise benefit from the scheme".

Mr Smith is planning to use his year of office to press for 45,000 places on the scheme.

Drink-drive blitz continues

By Kerry Gill

Scottish police are to continue breathalysing more drivers, after a decrease in the number of motorists caught over the limit during the new year holidays.

Although the Scottish Office will not publish final figures until today, most of the larger forces said the number of accidents had been cut and there were fewer drunk drivers on the roads.

Strathclyde police, covering the Glasgow area, and Lothian and Borders police, whose area includes Edinburgh, will continue with their policy of road blocks to check drivers.

Mr Robert Cunningham, Assistant Chief Constable of Strathclyde police, said: "It is now becoming obvious that the message is getting through to drivers.

"We have had the full support of the public and there is no doubt whatsoever that their co-operation has contributed to the latest results.

"We would remind drivers, however, that our campaign against drinking and driving continues."

● Only 10 motorists stopped by police in Northern Ireland over Christmas and the New Year holdidays were over the drink-drive limit, figures show.

The RUC stopped 3,074 drivers over the festive period. A senior officer said the majority of motorists had displayed a "most responsible attitude".

Rival's laugh led to killing

A wealthy Canadian businessman yesterday told a jury how he killed his wife's lover in a London hotel after the man laughed at him.

Joseph Robb, aged 41, said he went to see the lover to plead with him to leave his wife alone after he discovered love letters in her briefcase. But Mr Michael Horton chuckled and ignored his entreaties to help him save the marriage.

Robb, who emigrated from Belfast to Canada with his wife Sheila 13 years ago, told the Central Criminal Court that when the two men met to discuss the affair Mr Horton stayed only a few minutes before announcing that he was "off to dinner".

That was when, said Robb, president of Northern Fine Foods of Toronto, he lost his temper and lashed out with two bottles, which he broke over Mr Horton's head, and a penknife. Yesterday he sobbed when shown police photographs of Mr Horton which showed he had been stabbed at least 20 times, including twice across the jugular vein.

"I didn't intend to kill him or cause serious injury", Robb said. "I wasn't thinking of anything. I just wanted to hit him. I am not a violent man. I had hoped we could have had a civilized conversation. I lost control because of the whole atmosphere.

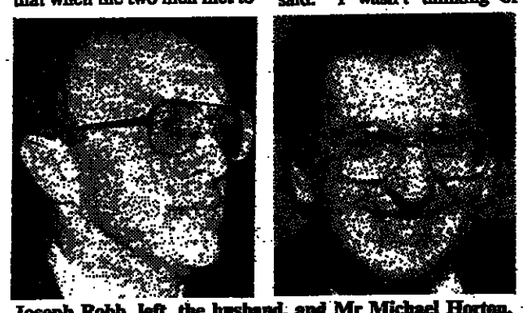
Robb, a father of two, admits manslaughter but denies murdering Mr Horton, aged 41, who was the London-based European president of Burson Marsteller, a New York public relations company.

Mr Horton previously employed Sheila Robb between 1981 and 1985 in Toronto and by last year the relationship turned into a love affair. He was killed in May.

Robb flew to London to confront Mr Horton after he found letters in his wife's handwriting addressed to "Darling" which he initially assumed were for him, as well as letters to her from Mr Horton. His wife had told him she wanted a separation.

Robb told the court the letters "started to explain to me the confused behaviour of my wife over the past eight weeks which I had put down to the pressure of her job. I felt as miserable as I have ever felt in my life."

The trial continues today.



Joseph Robb, left, the husband, and Mr Michael Horton, the victim. They were incorrectly named in captions yesterday

Court told 'Wrac' was a man

A young soldier had sexual relations with a transvestite male dressed as a WRAC major, a court was told yesterday.

Gunner Adam Lamb, aged 19, said he was under the influence of alcohol when he was approached by Stuart Wylie, aged 22, as he walked back to his barracks in Colchester, Essex.

Gunner Lamb said he was convinced that Mr Wylie, of Leather Grove, Colchester, was a woman. Mr Wylie, who has pleaded not guilty to gross indecency and other sexual offences against three soldiers, was dressed as a woman major.

Mr Wylie's true sexual identity was not revealed during the sexual act, Gunner Lamb told Ipswich Crown Court.

He said he first learnt of Mr Wylie's gender some days after the event.

"I had in my mind that it was a major in the WRAC. For most soldiers, that is quite an achievement", he said.

The trial continues today.

'Cot-death baby was killed'

A "cot-death" baby was actually killed by his mother, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

There were no marks of violence on the body of Samuel Feiner, aged 11 months, when it was discovered by his father at the family's home in Surrey, Mr Brian Leary, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury.

The child's condition was "entirely consistent" with a cot death, and it was impossible to distinguish at post-mortem examinations between genuine victims of the sudden infant death syndrome and those who had been suffocated, Mr Leary said.

However, a pathologist became suspicious when he found a detached eyelash on the child's right eyelid, which suggested a "mechanical disturbance" to the face.

The boy's mother, Mrs Janice Feiner, aged 36, allegedly left a suicide note at her home in Commonwealth Road, Caterham, in which she said she had to take the baby with her, "because he is all I have left".

Mr Leary said it was accepted she had suffered genuine amnesia.

Mrs Feiner denies killing Samuel Feiner between July 7 and 10 last year.

Mr Leary said the boy was a normal, happy and healthy baby.

"It is certain he was well cared for by Mrs Feiner, who was thought of by all who knew her as a loving and caring mother."

The death occurred while Mrs Feiner's husband, Ralph, was away. He returned home on July 9 to find the house in darkness and to discover the boy lying dead beneath the quilt of the couple's bed.

Mrs Feiner denied writing the suicide note.

The hearing continues

Police order Yardie investigation

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard commanders have appointed a senior detective to examine intelligence operations aimed at the Yardies, the Jamaican-based gang linked to drug trafficking and violence, to see whether more can be done to combat members of the gang in the London underworld.

The study is being carried out by Det Chief Supt Roy Ramm, who as staff officer to the head of London's specialist detective force last year was involved in research on the Yardies. He is now a member of the Yard's criminal intelligence branch, and has just returned from a course with the FBI in the United States.

At the end of last year, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, was given a report on the Yardie problem in London. He had asked to be kept abreast of developments after a visit to the Brixton area of south London.

Police have identified a number of Yardie figures who have fled to Britain from the West Indies and who are linked to violence.

Officers in some areas of London believe the Yardies could grow into a real menace.

PC fined £270 over crashes

Police Constable Anthony Thackeray, aged 29, of Fossgate, York, crashed into a bus and a taxi in the city centre when he was three times over the drink-drive limit.

He was fined £270, put on probation and banned from driving for two years by magistrates yesterday for drinking and driving, careless driving and failing to stop after an accident. PC Thackeray is to be dismissed from the force.

Roll is stolen

Police are investigating the theft of the electoral roll for Chichester, West Sussex, worth £165, from county library headquarters.

Smoker fined

Charles Foster, an unemployed musician aged 28, of Bayswater, west London, was fined £50 by Bow Street magistrates yesterdayfor smoking at Leicester Square underground station.

Reprieved

Seven Iranian and Iraqi stowaways on hunger strike in Risley remand centre hospital, Warrington, will not be deported "until further order", the Home Office said in the High Court yesterday.

Charter tour

Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the Magna Carta is to be sent to Australia for the country's bicentennial celebrations this year.

Inquiry call

Doctors are demanding a government inquiry into the suspension of Dr Gillian Cardy, a consultant who criticized health service cuts in Bath.

Radio 3 changes

Network aims at the younger listener

By Lynda Murdin

BBC Radio 3, which still broadcasts silent pauses where other stations have jingles, is to develop a more popular approach while attempting to maintain standards, it was announced yesterday.

Mr John Drummond, recently appointed Radio 3 Controller, intends to introduce changes later this month.

He said he hoped to make programmes more accessible and also attractive to a younger audience. In addition, he plans to introduce more fixed time slots, giving a more regular pattern to schedules.

Familiar classics by composers such as Vivaldi, Haydn and Mozart are to feature more in the early mornings, there will be fewer news bulletins and the two-hour *Mainly for Pleasure* will be, if not made snappy, shortened by 30 minutes and broadcast on Friday evenings only instead of on four weekday evenings.

The network has a budget of £40 million, including funding for BBC orchestras and musicians, and is mainly devoted to serious music.

With 5,100 hours of music and 100 new plays annually, it attracts one million listeners a week.

Mr Drummond said: "People speak of the 'Radio 3 audience'. In fact, Radio 3 has many different audiences, each of which bring to the programmes their special interests, knowledge and enthusiasm.

"Maintaining our standards and balancing the requirements of our different audiences is what Radio 3 is about. To this end we are looking for a wider range of voices and opinions on the network."

New features include a daily non-music programme, *Third Ear*, which Mr Drummond insists is not another chat-show, but "an opportunity for people to talk at length and in depth in a way not currently possible elsewhere in radio".

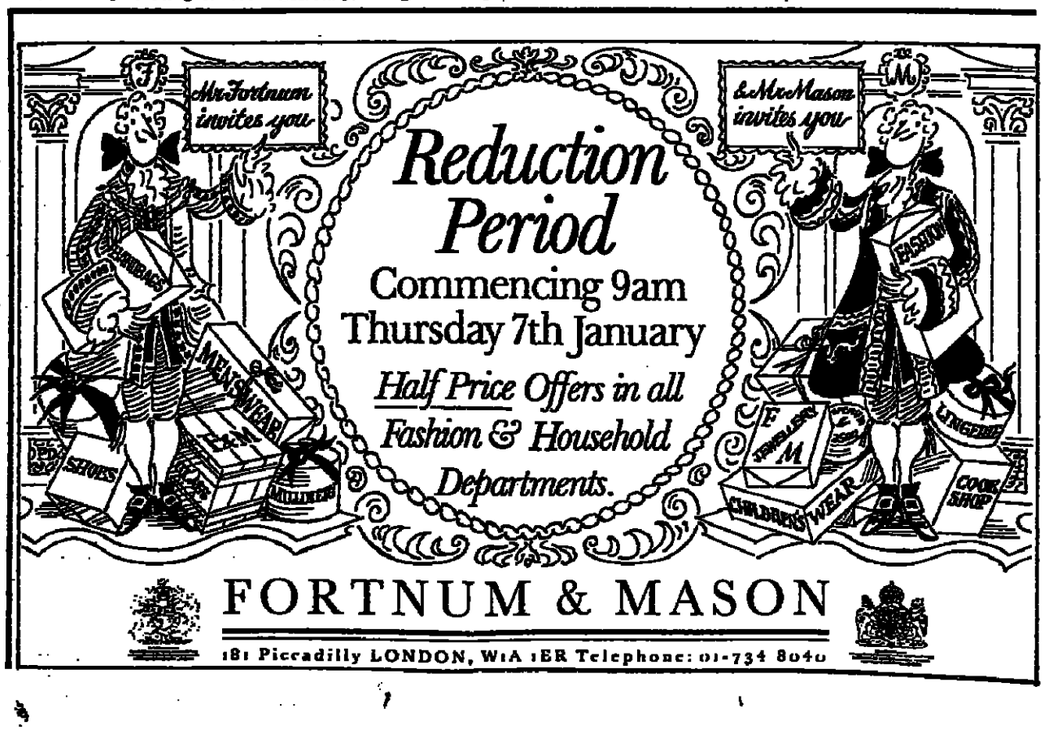
Experts such as Julian Spalding, director of Manchester Art Galleries and Paul Bailey, the novelist, will introduce live discussions on a different aspect of the arts each evening, beginning on January 18 with Mr Spalding in conversation with Neil McGregor, director of the National Gallery.

On Fridays, the creators of forthcoming productions in theatre, cinema or television talk about their projects, beginning on January 22 with Bill Bryden, who is to make his Royal Opera House directing debut with Wagner's *Parsifal*.

There will also be a regular Sunday showcase for the BBC's orchestras.

A new programme called *Composers of the Week* (replacing the popular *This Week's Composer*) will be broadcast each weekday at a new time of 8.35am to make it more accessible to working people.

A weekly series of traditional music from countries around the world begins on January 20; jazz coverage is to be enhanced with a fortnightly *Saturday Night Jazz* and *Saturday Review* is being extended to include new records.



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Soaring standard of living

Economic recovery shows boom for leisure industry

Nearly 50 per cent of people receiving a legacy of more than £50,000 would make the purchase of a home their top priority, a survey shows.

A similar number would invest the windfall in stocks and shares, while for smaller legacies of up to £11,000, the choice would be a new car, a holiday or home improvements.

The survey, conducted by Marplan for the market research firm Mintel, calculates that in 1986-87, about £5.8 billion in legacies was released to 590,000 beneficiaries. In 10 years' time, the figure will have grown to £11.7 billion, representing about 2.9 per cent of disposable consumer income.

The report says wealth from legacies can be used to make the life of society richer, not through collective control of assets, but through individuals determined to improve their lives.

By Peter Mulligan

A picture of British life where most people have more free time, more ways to spend it and higher real incomes than those of previous generations emerges from the official Stationery Office handbook, *Britain 1988*, published today.

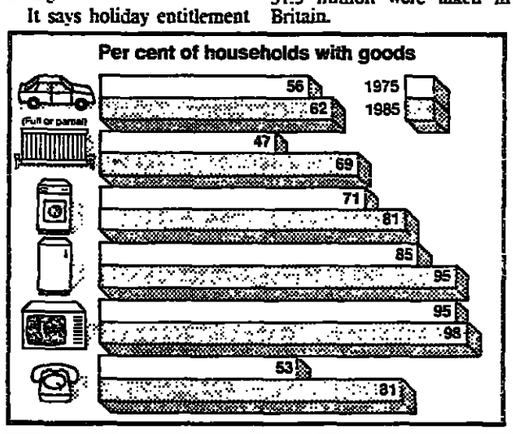
The nation's most popular pastime is watching television, with more than 50 per cent of households now having two or more sets and the average viewing time running to 27 hours a week.

Growing numbers are supplementing the habit by using a video recorder. The proportion of households with one installed rose from 24 per cent in 1984 to 31 per cent in 1985.

The 469-page handbook, published annually, shows that the average Briton, when not watching the small screen, is living longer, spending more on consumer goods and enjoying a higher standard of living.

It says holiday entitlement has increased for most full-time employees and by the end of 1986, 99 per cent of manual workers had an entitlement of four weeks or more, and one quarter, five weeks or more.

The number of long holidays — four or more nights away from home — taken by British residents was 49 million in 1986, compared with 45 million in 1976, of which 31.5 million were taken in Britain.



The economic recovery, now in its seventh successive year of growth has, since 1980, been higher than in the other important European countries.

The improvement is reflected in a substantial rise in expenditure on housing and durable goods. Ownership of telephones, freezers and central heating systems is growing most rapidly.

More than 60 per cent of households own or are buying their own homes and the figure is rising. Owner-occupied dwellings have risen from four million in 1951 to nearly 14 million in 1985.

The Government's privatization programme has resulted in nearly 20 per cent of adults becoming shareholders as against 7 per cent in 1979.

Housing standards are continually improving, the handbook says. Some 97 per cent of households in Great Britain have exclusive use of bath or shower and an inside lavatory, while 69 per cent have central heating.

There is a telephone in more than 80 per cent of homes, a refrigerator in 95 per cent and a washing machine in 81 per cent. About 62 per cent have the use of at least one car or van and 17 per cent have the use of two or more.

The average size of households is diminishing. Ten per cent of people live alone or in one-parent families.

Beer remains the most popular alcoholic drink, although a "notable development" has been the increasing consumption of lager, now estimated to account for more than 50 per cent of beer sales.

Sports have grown in popularity. Walking and swimming are the two most popular, followed among men by snooker, billiards and darts.

One in two households in Britain keeps a pet. There are an estimated six million dogs and six million cats.

Employment has been increasing since 1983, representing the longest period of continuous employment growth for nearly 30 years. Women's average hourly earnings increased from just under two-thirds of men's in 1970 to nearly three-quarters in 1986.

On immigration, the handbook says that 46,800 people were accepted for settlement here last year, 8,500 fewer than in 1985.

Hi-tech industries grew in output between 1980 and 1986 by 31 per cent while manufacturing industry grew on average by five per cent. The proportion of employees in the service industries has risen to 67 per cent.

Britain 1988. An Official Handbook (Stationery Office, £12.95).

MP holds surgery in Dartmoor



Miss Emma Nicholson, the Conservative MP, behind bars yesterday at Dartmoor, where she held a constituency "surgery".

"I look after peers, lunatics and children — none of whom have a vote — so why not prisoners as well?" she said. Miss Nicholson, MP for Devon West and Torridge, she spoke to 21 inmates, including four serving life sentences, during her three-hour session.

"While they are in Dartmoor they are my constituents and my responsibility. It doesn't matter what they have done — but if somebody tells me about any crime I shall have no hesitation in telling the police."

Miss Nicholson, aged 46, plans regular surgeries at Dartmoor, which houses 620 prisoners, among them murderers and rapists.

Mr Douglas Dowling, the assistant governor, said: "In spite of Dartmoor's image, we try to be as positive as we can. If Miss Nicholson can achieve something for the inmates which we have been unable to, then it must be a good step".

(Photograph: Mike Alsford)

Bus de-regulation has limited impact

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A study of the impact of the de-regulation of bus services in three cities suggests that it has done little to stimulate competition.

Under the Transport Act 1985, controls on bus operations outside London were largely eliminated. Subject to meeting safety standards, from October 1986 operators could run on any route they wished, provided they notified the Traffic Commissioner.

On routes which would be unprofitable, but which it was desirable should be maintained for social reasons, operators tendered for support from the local authority, with the route normally being awarded to the operator who needed the smallest subsidy.

The Transport and Road Research Laboratory of the Department of Transport has been monitoring the effect of de-regulation, and its latest report assesses the impact on Aberdeen, Plymouth, and Southampton.

It concludes that initially de-regulation has not caused big changes to the bus services in the three cities.

"In Aberdeen and Southampton, the changes to the network are no more than those which an operator makes in response to changing demands.

"Plymouth has seen greater changes to its services, with an extensive replanning exercise and the introduction of smaller vehicles on radial routes at higher frequencies. However, direct competition has been avoided, and though de-regulation has probably accelerated the replanning process, it could have taken place under the old route licensing system."

Demand for boycott of French livestock

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A boycott of French livestock until France lifts restrictions on British exports was demanded at the Oxford Farming Conference yesterday.

Mr Henry Fell, former chairman of the Tenant Farmers Association, said breeders should reject French animals.

A mania was sweeping through British sheep breeders, who believed that any French breed must be better than its British counterpart.

"I find absolutely nothing to object to in this trade", he said. "If they are good, like Charolais cattle, they will become part of the scenery. What I find totally unacceptable is that we are barred from doing the same in reverse."

Mr Fell said the French refused to authorize the importation of nearly all British pure breeds and would not even consider hybrids. Health regulations had nothing to do with it; it was French protectionism at its worst.

Within five years a trade could be established for one million ewe lambs a year. It was being blocked, however, and years of representation through government channels had got nowhere.

The only answer was to ban French livestock until there was reciprocal freedom of entry. French pedigree exporters, seeing the loss of a lucrative market, would force a change of policy.

Mr Fell also said that quotas were a disaster for British agriculture. Reduction of quotas sucked in more imports.

Killer in 'plea for attention'

A mental patient who stabbed her social worker to death may have been "attention-seeking", an inquiry was told yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Lawson, representing the local government officers' union, Nalgo, said there was no clear-cut evidence that Sharon Campbell, aged 25, was psychotic.

The hearing, instigated by the Kent social services department, is investigating the after-care treatment of Campbell when she was released from Bexley Hospital, Kent.

Campbell stabbed to death her social worker, Miss Isobel Schwarz, aged 28, of Borstal Road, Rochester, at her office at Bexley Hospital in 1984. She was convicted of manslaughter and sent to Broadmoor top security hospital.

Miss Lawson said Miss Schwarz had requested that Campbell be readmitted to hospital under a section of the Mental Health Act, but doctors had disagreed. Campbell, she said, had been interviewed on four occasions, but there was no evidence that she needed further hospitalization. The hearing continues today.

Hotel 'was cover for art raider'

A man booked a room at a country hotel for himself and his woman friend to cover his planned escape from London with a valuable art haul, a court was told yesterday.

George Bergin reserved the room for the night after raiders planned to steal paintings worth £1 million from the Sir John Soane Museum in Holborn, central London, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court. But police ambushed the gang and Bergin's brother, Dennis Bergin, aged 26, was shot and fatally wounded by a police sergeant.

Mr Timothy Langdale, for the prosecution, said George Bergin, aged 23, was waiting to carry off the haul. It was to include "The Rake's Progress" series of Hogarth paintings, each valued at £150,000.

Mr Langdale said: "The prosecution cannot say where they were to be taken, but George Bergin had booked a hotel for the night, north-east of Norwich".

George Bergin of Ealing, Derek Smith of Northolt, Lee Frailing of Northolt, all West London, and William McSkimming, address unknown, deny any part in the planned raid.

The case continues today.

TV serial is accused of manipulating children

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

***EastEnders*, the BBC Television serial which often tackles sensitive social issues, was accused last night of unscrupulously manipulating children to boost its audience ratings.**

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, wrote to BBC chiefs and the Prime Minster complaining about the "chronic excesses" of the series and the time it is broadcast — 7.30pm.

She criticized storylines, which included drug-taking, attempted suicide, promiscuity, endless lying, quarrelling, prostitution, blackmail, drunkenness, homosexual relationships, bad language, violence and children watching pornographic videos.

"This unscrupulous manipulation of the minds and hearts of children in the battle for viewing figures is, in our view, quite contemptible and violates the BBC's own policy which emphasizes the need for producers to be particularly vigilant between 6pm and 8pm", Mrs Whitehouse wrote.

"Unless the governors take strong action to curb the chronic excesses of this series, the whole concept of the BBC's special responsibility in relation to family viewing will have been undermined."

Last night the BBC said: "As always we will study her letter with interest".

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Saudis scrap plan to tax foreigners

King Fahd's plan to impose a hefty income tax on well-paid foreign workers in Saudi Arabia disappeared yesterday almost as quickly as it had been decreed (Nicholas Beeston writes). The kingdom, to the great relief of expatriates, announced that it was scrapping the scheme.

An official in Riyadh said: "King Fahd has instructed the cancellation of an announcement regarding income tax on foreigners." British and Saudi sources predicted that a revised and moderated version would emerge soon.

"There will probably be a tax levied at about 5 or 6 per cent of salaries," said Mr Richard Roberts, the general manager and director of ARA International, the largest management recruitment firm operating in Saudi Arabia. Yesterday's extraordinary reversal brought sighs of relief from the 25,000 British workers in Saudi Arabia, the vast majority of whom earn more than £9,337 a year. They would have fallen into the top tax bracket, and had expected to pay a 30 per cent levy on their salaries from January 21.

Pressure on Bonn

West Germany is expected to come under increasing pressure from the Soviet Union in the next few months to persuade Nato countries to give up plans to modernize battlefield nuclear weapons, according to senior diplomatic sources (Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, writes).

There are also clear signals that Moscow intends to press the Bonn Government to try to push through an agreement on chemical weapons.

Mr Valentin Falin, head of the Novosti news agency, was quoted yesterday in the West German newspaper *Bild* as claiming that West Germany stockpiled American chemical weapons and it was therefore in its interests to remove them.

Moscow strike

Moscow — For the first time, an official Soviet newspaper reported yesterday that workers in Moscow have recently gone on strike in protest against the Gorbachov reforms (Christopher Walker writes).

Soviet papers twice reported last year strikes organized in protest against the reforms. But both strikes, one among bus drivers and the other at a vehicle construction plant, took place outside the capital.

Sovetskaya Torgovlya yesterday disclosed that last September striking workers had forced a Moscow food shop to close for nearly two weeks. The cause of the protest was a new system making all employees in the retail sector responsible for theft of goods.

Boy must stay in care

New York (AP) — Terrence Karamba, aged nine, who was allegedly brutalized by his father, a Zimbabwean diplomat, will stay in a foster home during an appeal over a decision to return him to Zimbabwe, a federal appeals court has ruled.

The boy was placed in foster care last month after his elementary school teachers in Queens, New York, noticed suspicious scars and injuries. Lawyers have claimed that the injuries were inflicted by his father, Floyd, an administrative attaché at the Zimbabwean mission to the United Nations.

Feud toll nears 300

Johannesburg — Scores of police were drafted into black townships bordering Pietermaritzburg, Natal, yesterday as the death toll in the feud between rival black factions neared 300 (Ray Kennedy writes). General Roelf van Vuuren, acting Police Commissioner, said that the situation was "of grave concern."

Official efforts to halt the bloodbath between supporters of the radical United Democratic Front and the militant Zulu Inkatha movement led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi have all so far proved to be ineffective.

'Killed for debt' hint

Paris — Police investigating the murder of Herr Siegfried Wielsputz, aged 32, a West German consular official, indicated yesterday that it may have been a settling of a private score (Philip Jacobson writes). Sources close to the case said that Herr Wielsputz may have accumulated large debts during his 30-month posting here.

Suspicion had originally fallen on activists of the Kurdish National Liberation Front when one of its leaflets attacking the West German Government's "neglect" of the Kurdish cause was discovered on the body.

Two die in jail siege

Rio de Janeiro (AP) — Two prisoners armed with guns and bombs were holding six hostages in a prison about 60 miles from Porto Alegre in Brazil yesterday, but 10 others gave up and released 21 hostages. Two prisoners have been killed and four other people have been injured in the incident, the police said.

More than 350 police were inside the the prison. On Monday night, an armed police team of about 20 men invaded the prison in an unsuccessful attempt to put down the uprising which was launched as a breakout attempt.

Arabs must appeal today against Israeli deportation orders

Palestinian dies in renewed Gaza unrest

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

One Palestinian was shot dead and another seriously wounded in the Gaza Strip yesterday afternoon as violent disturbances continued in the occupied territories.

Troops opened fire at Khan Yunis when a soldier was hit by a stone thrown from a crowd of demonstrators. The dead man was named as Mr Ali Alis Dahlan, aged 25. His cousin, Basil, aged 16, was wounded.

There were reports of stone throwing and burning barricades in the West Bank, although troops, under strict orders to show restraint, broke up the disturbances with tear gas and rubber bullets.

One of the places most seriously affected was the village of A-Ram, where a 25-year-old woman was shot dead on Sunday. The disturbances there continued to spill over into nearby camps and the town of Ramallah.

A group of Palestinian moderates is trying to channel the disturbances into peaceful disobedience. Tomorrow they will launch an appeal for Palestinians to make their point against Israeli occupation by non-payment of taxes, refusing to buy Israeli goods, and trying to leave jobs in Israel for work in the occupied territories.

One of the leaders of the group is Mr Hanna Siniora, editor of the East Jerusalem newspaper, *al-Fajr*. He said that Israel would be asked to cancel deportation orders and stop its iron-fist policy. If it did not, the civil disobedience campaign would be started.

The proposed "civil rebellion" was discounted immediately by Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem. He said Mr Siniora was an Arab Christian with no following.

The nine Palestinians who have been served with deportation orders must appeal against them today before a military review committee if they are not to be expelled immediately.

The committee sits behind closed doors, reviewing evidence which is not always available to the defence for security reasons. If it decides to uphold the deportation orders there is a right of appeal to the High Court.

This process can take months and Israel could decide it is better to delay it for some time so that the present international and Palestinian agitation dies down before a decision is taken.

Four of the men involved are from Gaza, and their lawyers have said they have vowed to fast until death rather than be deported. Force-feeding is legally possible, however, and Israel is unlikely to allow the men to die.

The nine are described as a second echelon of Palestinian leaders. One commentator has said that they are equivalent in rank in a regular army to colonels. They are:

● Furayj Ahmad Khalil Khayri, from Gaza, born in 1948. A self-employed engineer and vice-chairman of the engineers' union in the Gaza Strip, he is alleged by the Israeli authorities to be one of the most prominent Fatah activists there, maintaining contact with the organization overseas and co-ordinating operations between unions, institutions and research institutes.

He is said to have been responsible for the recruitment of Fatah members as well as encouraging disturbances in high schools. Sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment in 1968, he was released six years later. Arrested again in 1986, he was jailed for two-and-a-half years for illegal organizing and possession of firearms.

● Adil Nafa Hamad, from Kalandia Camp, born in 1960. Described as the founder of the Shabiba (PLO youth movement) in the camp and a prominent Fatah member in the Ramallah area, he is said to have incited classroom riots, helped to burn down a police station and the home of a woman suspected of collaboration.

He was put forward for deportation in 1983, but that was never carried out. He spent six months in administrative detention in 1986.

● Husam Athman Muhammad Hadar, from Balata Camp near Nablus, born in 1961. He is said to be a Shabiba leader at the camp and to have confessed to recruiting for Fatah in 1985; he was sentenced to 18 months in jail.

He is accused of being among those responsible for initiating most of the recent disturbances in the camp.

● Bashir Ahmad Khayri, from Ramallah, born in 1942. A lawyer, he is accused of disrupting the population and provoking public disorder. He was jailed for 15 years for recruiting members to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in 1967.

While in prison in 1970 his name was among those put forward for release as one of the demands by the hijackers of an aircraft to Dawsons Field in Jordan. He has been in administrative detention once since release from his sentence in 1984.

● Jamal Muhammad Shakir Jabara, from Kalkilya, born in 1959. Shabiba in his area is said to undertake nothing without consulting him.

He was one of those released in the 1985 prisoner exchange after serving six years of an 18-year sentence for running a terrorist cell. He is supposed to have been prominent in organizing and co-ordinating riots in his area in December.

● Muhammad Abu Samara, from Gaza, born in 1961. He is a student at the Islamic University and has been imprisoned four times and fined for burning an Israeli flag and for keeping banned literature at his home.

He is said to have "extremely radical views and instigates others to engage in activity against the authorities and the Army".

● Khalil Kuka, from Gaza, born in 1948. A teacher and chairman of a group identified with the Muslim Brotherhood, he is Imam of the Shati Mosque in Gaza. His sermons are described as of an "extremely radical nature, calling for the Muslims to fight the Jews in every way, even if many will die in the process".

● Hasan Ghanim Abu Shakra, from Khan Yunis in Gaza, born in 1950. The Israeli authorities describe him as a "radical religious fundamentalist" who "holds opinions close to those of Islamic Jihad".

He is said to have incited demonstrations and threatened secular residents and to have called commercial strikes. He is said to have incited a crowd to attack the Army and Jews during the recent riots.

● Jibril Mahmud Rajub, from Dura, near Hebron, born in 1953. A journalist on a woman's magazine and a convicted Fatah operative, he was jailed for life in 1970 for membership of a cell which was said to have carried out 10 attacks.

He was released in the 1985 prisoner exchange and has twice been detained since. While out of prison he has worked at the Centre for Palestine Studies as a close helper of Mr Faisal Husseini, the organization's chairman, who is at present in administrative detention.

● LONDON: Amnesty International has condemned the decision to deport the Palestinians as a threat to their lives (Alexander Johnson writes).

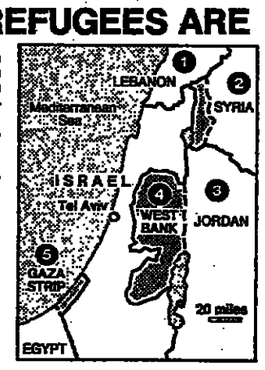
Amnesty's statement came after reports that Israel will expel the men to south Lebanon. The organization has first-hand accounts of how Palestinians sent to Lebanon risk being arrested, tortured and killed by the Lebanese Army and the Amal militia.



A student at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank manning a barricade yesterday.

WHERE THE REFUGEES ARE

1 Lebanon (13 camps)	
In camps	143,809
Not in camps	134,800
Total	278,609
2 Syria (10 camps)	
In camps	75,208
Not in camps	182,781
Total	257,989
3 Jordan (10 camps)	
In camps	208,716
Not in camps	636,826
Total	845,542
4 West Bank (19 camps)	
In camps	94,824
Not in camps	278,762
Total	373,586
5 Gaza (8 camps)	
In camps	244,416
Not in camps	200,981
Total	445,397
Total in camps	766,973
Total not in camps	1,434,150
GRAND TOTAL	2,201,123



Palestinian refugees as at June 30, 1987. Numbers compiled by United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees in the Near East.

Jabaliya camp is the worst in Gaza

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

Jabaliya camp, where Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, was "shocked" by conditions, is easily the largest and probably the most unpleasant of the eight camps in the occupied Gaza Strip. If social conditions breed violence, it can be no accident that the current wave of unrest began there.

As far as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency is concerned, the Gaza camps are worse than any of the others it runs for Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, with the exception of those actually in Beirut. "It is quite clear to anyone who travels among them that the ones in Gaza are the worst, particularly in terms of overcrowding and sanitation," a spokesman for the UN agency said yesterday.

"In terms of sanitation it is worse than anywhere else, including Lebanon, because it is so sprawling and overcrowded. There is no sewage system and after 38 years we have just been unable to keep up with the growth in population."

In the centre of Jabaliya, for example, there is a large, open pool, originally meant for ground drainage, but now full of sewage.

Housing standards are varied. Some refugees still live in crumbling, prefabricated houses put up nearly 40 years ago. Some have built better homes in the camp.

Poverty is growing. The UN agency provides emergency rations to special hardship cases, designed for families with no male wage earner.

Malnutrition is a result of the poverty. A World Health Organization study three years ago found that 3.8 per cent of children in the critical six-month to two-year age group in Gaza were suffering from "acute" malnutrition. This compares with 2 per cent in the region generally.

The infant mortality rate is another indicator. This has been halved to around 50 per 1,000 in Gaza over the past 25 years but is still the highest of any of the UN camps.

Beyond these physical difficulties are the political ones that add to the desperation of the camp. Gaza is subject to patrolling on a more intense scale than even the West Bank precisely because of the unrest. Residents complain of midnight calls from the army, of beatings and constant supervision. They have no passports and can travel abroad only with a *laissez-passer* which is hard to obtain.

Maoist xenophobia

Overseas students pay price in China

From Robert Grieves, Peking

The experiences of two foreign students embroiled in separate confrontations with Chinese public security officials in Tibet and Peking have underlined the care foreigners must still exercise in China.

Despite the Government's official policy of opening up the Republic to the outside world, decades of Maoist propaganda have left most mainland Chinese conditioned to regard foreigners with extreme suspicion.

Herr Felix Haller, an Austrian student, aged 25, has been under arrest in a hotel room at Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, since December 22 for his alleged involvement in a December 19 independence demonstration in the town by Tibetan Buddhist nuns.

In the other case, Señor Francisco Reges, aged 34, who now lies semi-paralysed in a bed at Peking's No 3 Hospital, claims that Chinese assailants pushed him off a roof in the early hours of December 30.

Herr Haller, a student at Vienna University, has been studying in Lhasa for more than a year, according to officials at the Austrian Embassy in Peking. Although enrolled at the Minorities Institute in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, Herr Haller reportedly claimed that he could best pursue his study of the Tibetan language in Lhasa.

On December 19, as many as 20 Tibetan Buddhist nuns marched near the Jokhang, the holiest Buddhist shrine in Tibet, to support Tibetan independence from China.

Chinese officials said that Herr Haller had visited the nuns' convent outside the town and did not have a valid passport. Embassy officials in Peking said yesterday that Herr Haller had sent in his passport for renewal, and that a new one had been posted to him. He is said to have visited a convent outside the town, but not the one whose nuns were involved in the protest.

Señor Reges, who has been studying Chinese art for more than three years at Hangzhou, in Zhejiang province, came to Peking for Christmas. He said that he was attacked by six unidentified men after he had accompanied an acquaintance to a lodging house.

The student said that he was pushed from a roof and broke his spine. Afterwards, he was taken to a police station, where he was beaten by police and left without medical care for several hours.

On Monday, more than 60 foreign students from various institutes in Peking marched to the Ministry of Public Security to protest at the treatment of Señor Reges.

The New China News Agency on Monday had a slightly different version of the story, saying that Señor Reges met Mr Li Jixuan, aged 23, an actor with a song and dance troupe, on December 29. The two men went to Mr Li's lodging house, where they drank heavily, according to the agency.

After leaving Mr Li at 2am, the Mexican allegedly climbed on to the roof of a nearby commercial building, where a nightwatchman surprised him, and he fell off. The agency story said that his injuries were consistent with a heavy fall.

Kidnap trial brings threats

By John England, Düsseldorf

The trial of a Lebanese charged with kidnapping two West Germans in Beirut almost a year ago began yesterday in a heavily guarded court in Düsseldorf under the shadow of warnings to Bonn about the fate of one of the victims who is still held.

The pro-Iranian group which is holding the hostage, Dr Rudolf Cordes, aged 53, said in a note delivered to a news agency in Beirut on Monday that his welfare would depend upon the treatment the man in the dock, Mr Abbas Ali Hamadei, aged 29, received at the hands of West German justice.

"They (the West German Government) should be careful in what they do," the note said. "They must study carefully what is happening these days and learn from that. They must know that everything has a price. They should take into consideration the fact that things won't remain as they are."

The note was accompanied by a photograph of a haggard-looking Dr Cordes, who was kidnapped on January 17 last year, four days before the abduction of Herr Alfred Schmidt, aged 48, who was released in September.

The kidnappings, by the Shia Hezbollah (Party of God) group, were in retaliation for the arrest of Mr Muhamed Ali Hamadei, aged 23, at Frankfurt airport on January 13.

The younger brother was detained after bottles of liquid explosive were found in his baggage when he arrived on a flight from Beirut.

He is suspected of involvement in the hijacking of a TWA airliner in 1985 and the murder of a US Navy diver passenger, and Washington put pressure on Bonn to extradite him for trial. Bonn, however, announced last June that he would go on trial in Frankfurt this year charged with air piracy, murder and attempting to smuggle explosives into West Germany.

Mr Abbas Ali Hamadei is also charged with attempting to coerce the West German Government into releasing his brother in exchange for the hostages and with smuggling explosives into the country.

Before he answered questions on his background, his defence lawyer, Herr Eckart Hild, made a statement calling on the kidnappers to release Dr Cordes. Herr Hild also said that the case would prove that Mr Hamadei had had nothing to do with the abductions.

● BEIRUT: Those holding Dr Cordes yesterday accused the West German authorities of mistreating Mr Muhamed Ali Hamadei and threatened revenge. Bonn denied the charge.

Herzog fury over Mellor

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

President Herzog of Israel lashed out yesterday at remarks made on Monday by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State in the Foreign Office.

The President said during a meeting with a delegation of American rabbis at his home in Jerusalem: "There are times when the unsolicited advice which is given to us by countries who have not solved similar situations any differently seems to me to be somewhat exaggerated.

"Thus I read the comments made by the British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in Gaza yesterday.

"He remarked that conditions in Gaza are an affront to civilized values and added: 'Something has to be done. The Israeli authorities cannot duck their responsibilities to these people.'

"Over the years the Government of Israel has moved some 10,000 Arab families out of their squalid refugee camps in Gaza to decent housing which they acquired with their own earnings.

"The international response to this effort by the Government of Israel to alleviate the problem in Gaza (we are the only country that has endeavoured to tackle this problem instead of merely talking about it) has been that every year since 1971 the UN General Assembly has adopted by a vast majority, with only Israel voting against and a few abstentions, an Arab-inspired resolution calling on Israel to put the refugees back into the camps, to return them from homes with running water, electricity and gardens to disease-infested hovels.

"Again this year the general assembly voted 'to take effective steps for the return of the refugees concerned to the camps from which they were moved into the Gaza Strip'.

"Let me remind our visitor from Britain, who is rightly appalled by the conditions in the refugee camps in the Gaza Strip, that Great Britain this year, as in the past, voted for that ludicrous resolution, which would be a bad joke if it were not so tragic, calling on Israel to return the refugees from decent housing to the camps which Mr Mellor so rightly points out are an affront to civilized values."

He added: "The Arab world has chosen over a period of 40 years to perpetuate this tragic situation for hundreds of thousands of refugees living in festering conditions of squalor and pollution throughout the Middle East, when a couple of days' production in the Arab oil fields could entirely solve this tragic problem and replace the camps with decent housing and living conditions."

Priest challenges Kremlin on closed monastery

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

The year marking the millennium of Christianity's arrival in Russia has opened on a sour note with a dispute between the atheist Soviet authorities and a Russian Orthodox bishop over the closing of a historic monastery in the Ukraine.

Breaking ranks with a Church hierarchy normally subservient to Moscow, Bishop Feodosy of Astrakhan and Yenotayevka made his call for the reopening of the Pechersky Monastery in Kiev, which dates back to the 11th century, in the latest edition of the dissident *Bulletin of the Christian Community*.

The bishop's letter surprised foreign observers because it contained the type of controversial appeal normally voiced only by dissidents. It lamented that monks were no longer able to live in the monastery, closed as a working community in 1961, and asked Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to sanction their return in time for the thousandth anniversary celebrations this summer.

The editor of the magazine, Mr Aleksandr Ogorodnikov, released last year from labour camp under a pardon, said that the bishop had sent him the letter, dated October 20, after waiting in vain for a reply to his letter to Mr Gorbachov.

The bishop said that large parts of the monastery, which he described as the cradle of Christianity in Russia was in ruins despite the fact that the state had closed it on the pretext of carrying out repairs and that holy relics were scattered about. He also complained that when monks in other Christian communities died, the state made it very hard to replace them with younger men.

Deeply embarrassing for the Church hierarchy, his letter has delighted Christian dissidents, most of whom believe fervently that the Orthodox Church has compromised unnecessarily with the communist state and betrayed those who have been persecuted for their faith.

● WARSAW: The recent decision of the Polish Supreme Court to reduce the sentences of four policemen convicted of abducting and murdering Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity priest, was vigorously defended yesterday by the Government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban (Richard Bassett writes).

Speaking at his first weekly press conference of the new year, Mr Urban insisted that the sentences had been reduced for humanitarian reasons. The convicted men were all in a state of deteriorating health and there had been family pleas for shorter sentences.

On December 17 last year the Supreme Court had ordered the two main protagonists in the crime, Adam Pietruszka and Grzegorz Piotrowski, who were both sentenced to 25 years imprisonment, to serve only 10 and 15 years of their sentences, respectively.

Two other policemen sentenced in February, 1985, Leszek Pekala and Waldemar Chmielewski, had their sentences cut to six and four-and-a-half years from 10 and eight years, respectively.

Mr Urban was at pains to point out that the reduction in sentences implied no lessening of guilt for the offenders.

The official Polish press, however, has made no reference to last month's court decision and Mr Urban's defensiveness yesterday was seen as proof of the Government's unease with an issue that has confirmed for many Poles that there is one law for those who oppose the Government and a different one for those who serve it.

Mr Urban, however, denied any inequality before the law.

● VIENNA: The Romanian secret police threatened to kill a Baptist minister for criticizing the communist authorities, the Austrian Kathpress religious news agency said yesterday (Reuter reports).

The agency said that police held Mr Paul Negrut, a minister from the town of Oradea, for several hours on December 30 and threatened to kill him if he did not stop preaching anti-state sermons.

"He was told his end would be similar to that of the Polish priest Popieluszko," Kathpress said.

Referendum in Australia

Queen's veto power on federal law faces July test by voters

From Keith Dalton, Sydney

The Australian Government is expected to call a referendum in July on important changes to the Constitution, including the abolition of the Queen's power to veto federal government legislation.

With a royal visit three months away to mark the Australian bicentenary, the change would be added to the Government's earlier decision to abolish legal appeals to Britain's Privy Council and its refusal to nominate distinguished Australians for knighthoods and honours.

The British monarch's right to veto federal legislation, although never used, is a "residual" power the federal Attorney General, Mr Lionel Bowen, would like to see removed, according to reports here yesterday.

This would bring the law into line with legislation two years ago that abolished the Queen's right to veto legislation by Australia's six state Governments.

Mr Bowen is reported to support stripping the Queen of her right to veto federal legislation up to 12 months after it has been passed by Parliament and given the Governor-General's assent.

But the Queen's position as head of state of Australia remains secure.

Changes to Australia's 87-year-old Constitution have been under discussion for more than two years by a constitutional commission set up by Mr Bowen.

He charged the five commissioners with recommending reforms to the charter providing for a revised framework for Australia's economic and social growth and reflecting the nation's independent and democratic character.

The status of the monarchy, however, was never in doubt. Last August, after very little public debate, an advisory committee to the commission – one of five – recommended that the Queen remain Australia's head of state.

On the more controversial issue of whether Australia should become a republic, the committee deliberately refrained from making a recommendation. But it did acknowledge that there was no prospect of a change in public opinion in the near future which would result in there being majority support for a republic.

"In view of this, and the fact that for many people the issue is an emotionally charged one, we believe that a recommendation at the present time would detract from other aspects of this report," the committee said.

But while the republic issue has been shelved, Mr Bowen is reported to be anxious to put at least 10 proposed constitutional amendments to the Cabinet in June, soon after the commission's final report.

If approved by both Houses of Parliament, Mr Bowen favours submitting the amendments to the people in July, months earlier than observers had expected. He is allowed six months to call a referendum.

Among the most important recommendations likely to be put to the Cabinet is a measure to abolish the power of the Senate to block budget Bills. In 1975 this power spawned a constitutional crisis and the dismissal of Mr Gough Whitlam, then Prime Minister, by the Governor-General, Sir John Kerr.

Under the proposed amendment, the Senate would lose this power for the Government's first three years in office.

Blatant gerrymandering of electoral boundaries such as in Queensland, where in some areas a country vote is worth the equivalent of two or more city votes, would be outlawed.

The proposal would ensure that the population difference between electorates is no more than 10 percent.

The commission recommends constitutionally enshrined political and religious rights rather than a Bill of Rights which may be changed by the Government of the day.

It is speculated that other amendments might be added, in particular, greater political power for the federal Government.

In an interview last year he pointed out that the federal Government had power over taxation and trade, but no overriding power over the economy.

This remains perhaps the most controversial issue among the independent-minded states and the opposition, which sees an electoral advantage in supporting such a cause.

Given the public's low approval rate for past referendums, the Government will need all the support it can muster and so any plan to expand federal government powers could be watered down.

Fremantle (Reuter) – A 12-hour siege in a jail ended peacefully yesterday when inmates freed five prison officers taken hostage. At the height of the rioting, 130 prisoners set fire to more than 100 cells. Flames engulfed large sections of the prison and the roof of one of the blocks collapsed. The police said they believed the riot had been spontaneous, prompted by heat. The midday temperature on Monday reached 108 deg F (42 deg C).

'Big Mama Thatcher' welcomed by Masai



Mrs Thatcher relishing a musical welcome by Masai women yesterday as she visited a self-sufficiency project on the first full day of her Kenyan trip.

From Robin Oakley, Nairobi

On her first full day in Africa since 1979, Mrs Thatcher spent yesterday morning in the arid plains south of Nairobi visiting a self-help project among the nomadic Masai people, and the afternoon in lush, green-terraced hillsides watching tea pickers at work.

Despite her previous reluctance to visit Africa, she clearly enjoyed every minute – and so did her hosts.

Swaying, chanting, foot-stamping Masai women christened her "Big Mama Thatcher" in one of their songs. They liked her, it seems, not least because she brought some much needed rain with her, and they gave her a waist-length beaded necklace to express their gratitude. It makes a change from those inevitable pearls.

Meanwhile Mrs Thatcher was proving the perfect guest. At the Isinya Training Centre she performed what has become her party trick, planting a fig tree, not just with a limp, ceremonial spadeful but by shifting the entire mound of excavated earth and watering it in firmly. In a country where the men push wheelbarrows while the women stoically carry huge bundles on their backs, she won appreciative murmurs from the Kenyan audience.

Mrs Thatcher is a dream for anxious hosts escorting her around sheep pens, metal workshops, tanneries and tea factories. Her stream of questions never dries up and her appetite for detail never flags, whether she is being shown a huge Boran bull or the camphorwood furniture produced at a youth polytechnic.

The tea estate visit showed again that Mrs Thatcher can spot a camera angle through the back of her neck. She spent so long obliging the lensmen that one local suggested there was a danger she would pick the required top two leaves and bud off the entire field. One Downing Street aide muttered that it was nice to see Fleet Street up to its armpits in the stuff it normally accuses civil servants of spending all day drinking.

When it came to tasting, however, she was not going to oblige the cameras with the shot they wanted. Instead of spitting it out, she demurely swallowed a spoonful of leaves and water. Husband Denis, however, was not so coy. He spat twice, with a grimace that indicated this was decidedly not his accustomed refreshment.

In her second smart silk dress of the day, and still wearing the smile, Mrs Thatcher was given a full tea chest from the Kambaa factory which she told me will mean Downing Street switching its coffee breaks to tea for some months ahead. And the professionalism showed again when both Thatchers were careful to turn round the tea chest to give the Kambaa company the free advertisement its own executives had nearly missed.

Mrs Thatcher is keeping up her usual pace. The evidence came when one of her entourage told a tea picker: "We'd like to leave her behind to help you." I'm not sure he was altogether joking.

What Mrs Thatcher enjoyed was not just the welcome from the crowds and the beauty of the hibiscus, oleander and bougainvillea. Kenyans have all the charm of a Frenchman looking for a conquest or a contract, although in their case, it seems to spring from a well of pure good nature.

But what Mrs Thatcher relished too was the evidence of Africa's leading exponent of the enterprise economy. The Isinya settlement, a joint venture between churches and the Government, has become self-supporting.

"You can't stay on your knees forever," said one organizer to Mr Thatcher.

Of course, all is not as simple as it seemed yesterday. Mrs Thatcher saw hoards of shining-eyed schoolchildren in uniform lining her route. She did not see the shantytown survivors hanging on at the edge of society. Kenya faces formidable problems, with half the nation aged under 15 and the population growing faster than anywhere in the world.

Jailed French journalist

Nato fears Paris pact in Kabul

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As French diplomatic pressure increased on Moscow to help in securing the release of M Alain Guillo, the French journalist jailed for 10 years by an Afghan court for spying, Nato sources have expressed concern that Paris might be prepared to do a deal to secure his early freedom.

Nothing has been said publicly, but it is understood that representations have been made to the French about the dangers that would be posed if France were to use her influence over certain of the Muslim rebel groups fighting in Afghanistan to secure the release of prisoners for the Soviet-backed Kabul regime.

One Western diplomat said: "Following recent precedents set by France in the Middle East, there is a real danger they may be tempted to do a deal.

"Such a move would make life more dangerous for other legitimate journalists operating in Afghanistan who could be falsely arrested by the security forces hoping to use them for future swaps."

The way for a possible deal, which might never be publicized, was opened yesterday when Tass, the official Soviet news agency, reported that M M Guillo, aged 45, a reporter and cameraman for the French Sygma agency, could request a pardon directly from President Najibullah, the Afghan leader.

In 1984, a French television reporter, M Jacques Abouchar, was set free only a week after being sentenced to 18 years in an Afghan jail after his capture while travelling with the Mujahidin guerrillas. At the time, his swift release was put down to successful French pressure on Moscow.

M Guillo is a less well-known figure, but his case has also aroused anger in France.

Tass said yesterday that he had been tried in a closed court because witnesses disclosed secret military, political and economic information. It said that he had been supplied with a lawyer and interpreter six days before proceedings opened.

Pravda said yesterday that M Guillo had been handed less than the maximum sentence after an appeal from his Afghan lawyer on humanitarian grounds.

Meanwhile, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, was continuing his talks in Kabul. Little information about the substance of his meetings with Afghan leaders, including President Najibullah, was available in Moscow, increasing speculation that he was involved in drawing up a new diplomatic initiative before the next round of United Nations-sponsored peace talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Tass made a swingeing attack on US policy towards Afghanistan, linking its criticism to the current visit to Pakistan by the US Under-Secretary of State, Mr Michael Armacost.

● **Peace talks:** The jailing of M Guillo is casting a shadow over the increasingly encouraging propects for progress at the next round of peace talks on Afghanistan which are expected to be held in Geneva next month (Edward Gorman writes).

The jailing is the latest in a series of disasters for Western journalists entering Afghanistan clandestinely with Mujahidin guerrillas.

In the past three months alone, three journalists – two American and one British – are thought to have been killed.

US pledge on rebel aid

Islamabad (AP) – Mr Michael Armacost, the United States Under-Secretary of State, assured Afghan guerrilla leaders yesterday that America would support them until Soviet troops withdrew from their country. He met five of the seven main guerrilla leaders here.

"I am very happy about the meeting," Mr Syed Ahmed Gilani, leader of the National Islamic Front for Afghanistan, said. "It was a very good and very helpful meeting because they (Americans) are supporting our cause. They promised to continue supporting us until Afghanistan is free."

He refused to give details, but said the Americans would continue the support they have given in the past.

The Russians have said they would pull out their forces from Afghanistan only when the US and other countries stopped assisting the rebels.

Mr Armacost, who arrived in Pakistan on Monday, was reported to have brought a letter from President Reagan to the guerrilla leaders assuring them of support. Mr Gilani refused to confirm if there was such a letter.

He said that in the meeting with Mr Armacost, there was no discussion of an interim Government in Afghanistan while Soviet troops are withdrawing. The future Government, he said, will be neutral and "of course it will be Islamic".

● KARACHI: Pakistani civilian aircraft on international routes flying near the Afghan border are running the risk of being shot down by ground-to-air missiles fired by Afghan government forces, Air Vice-Marshal Mahmud Akhtar, the director-general of Pakistan's Civil Aviation Authority, told a press conference here (Zahid Hussain writes). Pakistani Air Force planes are now escorting civilian flights, he added.

Thailand claims to be near victory in Laos border row

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Arguments over a 1907 treaty signed by Bangkok and Paris are behind an increasingly serious border conflict between Thailand and its northern communist neighbour, Laos.

The Thai Army says it has lost 15 men and "hundreds" have been wounded in fighting during the past two months. However, officers at the front concede that casualties have been much heavier.

The Thais have recovered the bodies of eight Laotian soldiers, but say many more have been killed. Laos has given no casualty figures.

An official at the Laotian Embassy in Bangkok said yesterday that his Government in Vientiane was ready to begin negotiations with Thailand over 30 square miles of disputed border territory.

Vientiane claims that the conflict began with Thai air and artillery attacks on Laotian soldiers in Sayaboury Province, while Bangkok says they were attacking 1,000 Laotians who had invaded Phitsanulok Province. The Laotian Government asked Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, to intervene.

The Thai Army says that it has now recaptured 90 per cent of its territory and, unless the invaders are reinforced, will soon drive them out.

The 1907 treaty between Thailand and France, then the ruling power in Laos, defined the border ambiguously. The watershed of the Heuang river was fixed as the frontier – but the river has two tributaries, with almost identical names. Thailand says one tributary marks the border, while Laos claims that the other, five miles west, is correct.

Vientiane says that Laotian troops came into the area to protect it from Thai traders, who were stealing teak logs. Several Thais, driving bulldozers to drag the timber away, were killed or wounded in these incidents.

Thai generals claim that Vietnam is encouraging Laotian belligerence, and say that Hanoi has troops ready to support Vientiane's forces. But a senior official in the Thai Foreign Ministry said there was no evidence that Vietnam was involved. Hanoi is estimated to have about 50,000 men in Laos.

Roh unlikely to heal northern rift

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

An imminent change of leadership in South Korea is showing promising signs of partially thawing relations with North Korea and its communist neighbours.

But even with his peculiar brand of *glasnost*, Mr Roh Tae Woo, who takes over as President next month, is unlikely to melt the glacier of suspicion and hostility dividing the peninsula.

Mr Roh has alarmed conservative members of the present Government by suggesting that the United States and Japan might recognize North Korea in advance of China and the Soviet Union recognizing South Korea.

Mr Roh went on to expound a three-phase plan for rapprochement with the communist bloc, beginning with cultural and sporting exchanges, leading to economic co-operation and ultimately, political and diplomatic ties.

The initial response from Pyongyang has been vaguely encouraging. President Kim Il Sung, the North Korean head of state, said in a new-year message he was ready to talk to the new regime in Seoul and proposed meeting government and other officials.

Independent observers are more wary about future prospects. "We are cautious about reading too much into Mr Roh's statement on cross-recognition," a senior Asian diplomat said. "We think it is a step forward certainly, but not a substantive departure from the established position."

26 Heysel fans seek acquittal

Brussels (AFP) – Preliminary hearings started yesterday in the trial of 29 people charged in connection with the 1985 Heysel soccer stadium riot.

Lawyers representing 26 English fans asked for them to be released, arguing that it was impossible to prove individual murder cases. Legal sources said that some charges may be dropped.

Poisoned pie

Almeria (Reuter) – A woman died and 11 members of her family were seriously ill after eating a meat pie she accidentally poisoned with insecticide which she mistook for sugar.

Ferry sinks

Dhaka – Two people died and more than 100 are missing from a ferry which caught fire and sank after colliding with a cargo boat in the Padma river.

Taiwan racing

Taipei (AFP) – The Government has approved the introduction of horseracing and betting on races in a bid to stop rampant illegal gambling.

Golden voice

Gold Coast, Australia (AP) – Frank Sinatra will earn £535,000 for a one-hour concert at Sanctuary Cove.

China quake

Peking (AP) – Sixty people were injured when an earthquake struck Ningxia province in north-west China.

Nicaraguans' zeal for Sandinista revolution fades into apathy





While a woman Sandinista soldier, left, labours for the revolutionary harvest, the reality for many Nicaraguans is near-empty supermarket shelves and disillusionment.

From James LeMoyne
Managua

A white dove curls toward the sky on a billboard. The words below say simply: "We want peace."

A few blocks away, a statue of a bare-chested worker stares defiantly over the weedy vacant lots, rubble, squatters' shanties and clouds of dust that make up central Managua. The left hand is a fist that stabs an AK47 assault rifle into the sky. "Only the workers and peasants will go to the end," says the dedication etched beneath the main public work of art in the capital of Nicaragua. The plea for peace and the stark celebration of armed class struggle are only two of the currents in Nicaragua's troubled society. Public art and government billboards do not express the exhaustion, apathy and bitterness that appear to affect the Nicaraguan people deeply.

There are many signs that bear witness to the course of the Sandinista revolution, born in 1979 with ecstatic public celebration, remarkable national unity and broad international support for the Nicaraguan people's effort to overthrow the 40 years of American-backed dictatorship by the Somoza family. Eight years later, the Sandinistas are on the defensive. The economy has crumbled. The armed challenge from the US-supported Contras is sharpening, and popular support for the Government appears to have declined markedly, although there seems to be no immediate threat to the Sandinistas' hold on power.

The Sandinistas are a well-organized party with a strong base of support and control of the police, the army and the main trade unions. They have a Marxist-orientated conception of power. They believe their party should control the Army and the unions, and they incline toward state control of the economy. They are trying to create, with force if necessary, a sense of national purpose and a modern state in a country that has never had either.

But the Sandinistas' power no longer appears to be based on a national consensus. Public opinion polls are illegal. But conversations in the grimy working-class districts of Managua, where residents stand idle in their doorways, give an impression of deep popular discontent among poor people.

Spurred by a limited political opening offered by the Sandinistas in partial compliance with a new regional peace treaty, 14 opposition parties have formed a united front that includes the Communist and Socialist parties as well as the highly conservative businessmen's association.

President Ortega and other leading Sandinista officials appear worried by the show of opposition unity, and have publicly threatened its leaders, accusing them of being counter-revolutionaries and warning them that their freedom to organize may be revoked.

"The Sandinistas have achieved the impossible," said Señor Carlos Salgado, a Marxist who heads the powerful Socialist Party trade union. "They have united the opposition against them and turned the popular classes into supporters of the right."

The main causes of the Sandinistas' difficulties are much debated. But they include the US-backed guerrilla war, economic pressure, the Sandinistas' one-party conception of power, and their mismanagement of the state-run economy.

Nicaragua is now a society divided into three main groups. First, there is a well-organized ruling minority of Sandinista militants and their ample supporters, backed by a large, party-directed army and police force. They remain gripped by the conviction that radical change is still necessary. Next, there is a smaller minority of Contras and the growing number of their supporters in rural political circles, who angrily resist the Sandinistas' one-party rule and are showing a new willingness to fight for their conviction. Finally, there is the great mass of the Nicaraguan people, for whom strong belief, except in God, seems to have largely gone – eroded by two decades which have brought an earthquake that destroyed their capital and a successful but bloody insurrection in which 40,000 people were killed.

Now there is the pain of seeing the broad-based opposition to the former dictatorship polarize into a sectarian revolution struggling against Washington and stuck in an internal civil war that has killed and wounded another 40,000 Nicaraguans and helped drive an estimated 500,000 more into internal and external exile.

"It is foolish to believe that the Sandinistas will voluntarily leave power," said a veteran Latin American diplomat here. "The best that can be hoped for is internal change within the ruling party – the pressures today may force the emergence of a new form of Sandinism."

In Managua last week hundreds of Nicaraguans walked in the dust-choked heat of the dry season past the billboard whose white dove soars in search of peace. Few looked up as they sought a place in the long queues waiting for the bus.

New York Times

Managua (AFP) – Señor Maricio Diaz, an opposition member of the National Reconciliation Commission set up to help implement the Central American peace plan, said the panel had prepared no report for an international committee due here yesterday to monitor progress of the pact.

SPECTRUM

An acceptable face for coal?

As election day for the miners draws near, Brian James joins the campaign trail of challenger John Walsh. A key factor in the contest for the NUM presidency could be that in the coalfields they have lost the heart for the fight

Apathy, according to the pithead psephologists, will be the factor which will decide whether Arthur Scargill is rejected or returned to lead Britain's miners, the once-muscular now-mauled elite of the union movement: a large vote, runs the theory, will mean triumph for the principle of "our commander, right or wrong", and thus five more years of the Scargill style.

In which case, on observations of the past few days, bookmakers' odds offered at the outset of 3-1 against John Walsh, his only challenger at the National Union of Mineworkers pithead ballot on January 22, now look very generous indeed: his chances, measured on any apathy scale, are improving by the day.

After the holiday hiatus, the campaign has reopened this week and it has been possible to watch Walsh in contrasted situations: the man who would be the new King Coal was a merry enough soul among his friends at one meeting, but had to cut a sterner figure when on the territory of his enemies at another. The single linking factor of these two mining communities was the apparent indifference of all but the handful in the two halls.

In Leicestershire, where he addressed the first open meeting of his campaign, Walsh drew very few of the area's 1,300 surviving in-work miners. One had to drive around Coalville's clocktower time and again on Sunday morning to find anyone who knew where the meeting was to be held.

The first eager two dozen men through the doors of the miners' welfare club turned out to be players of an inter-colliery soccer match. Eventually perhaps 50 gave him an attentive hearing and a warm enough response. In the bar afterwards no more than five sought his company or his views: more gathered around the scorers of the soccer match goals.

"We could have done with a few more here," said one NUM official. "But there's no heart left after a year of strike which won us nowt."

"Union elections? Not bothered," said one drinker, then adding the death-rattle of all little-regarded democracies: "One lot's the same as another in my book."

In Northumberland on Monday night, in an area where 2,300 miners still work, of five men questioned leaving Ashington pit, three admitted they knew of the meeting due two hours later where Scargill and Walsh were to appear for the first time on the same platform: two got the venue wrong. In fact it was in the union hall: a dismal, domed room like an old Royal Flying Corps hangar.

While we waited an official told of the days when the area had 70 mines. Now there are just two, and since the strike they had lost 3,000 members. "Times here have really changed." They have indeed. Two of the first few miners to enter were wearing earrings. Eventually perhaps 120 filled all but the front third of the hall.

"They've made up their minds in any case — and'll not be changed," said a union official. "There's not a lot of hope for us in what either man says. Either way, Ashington's to be shut this year."

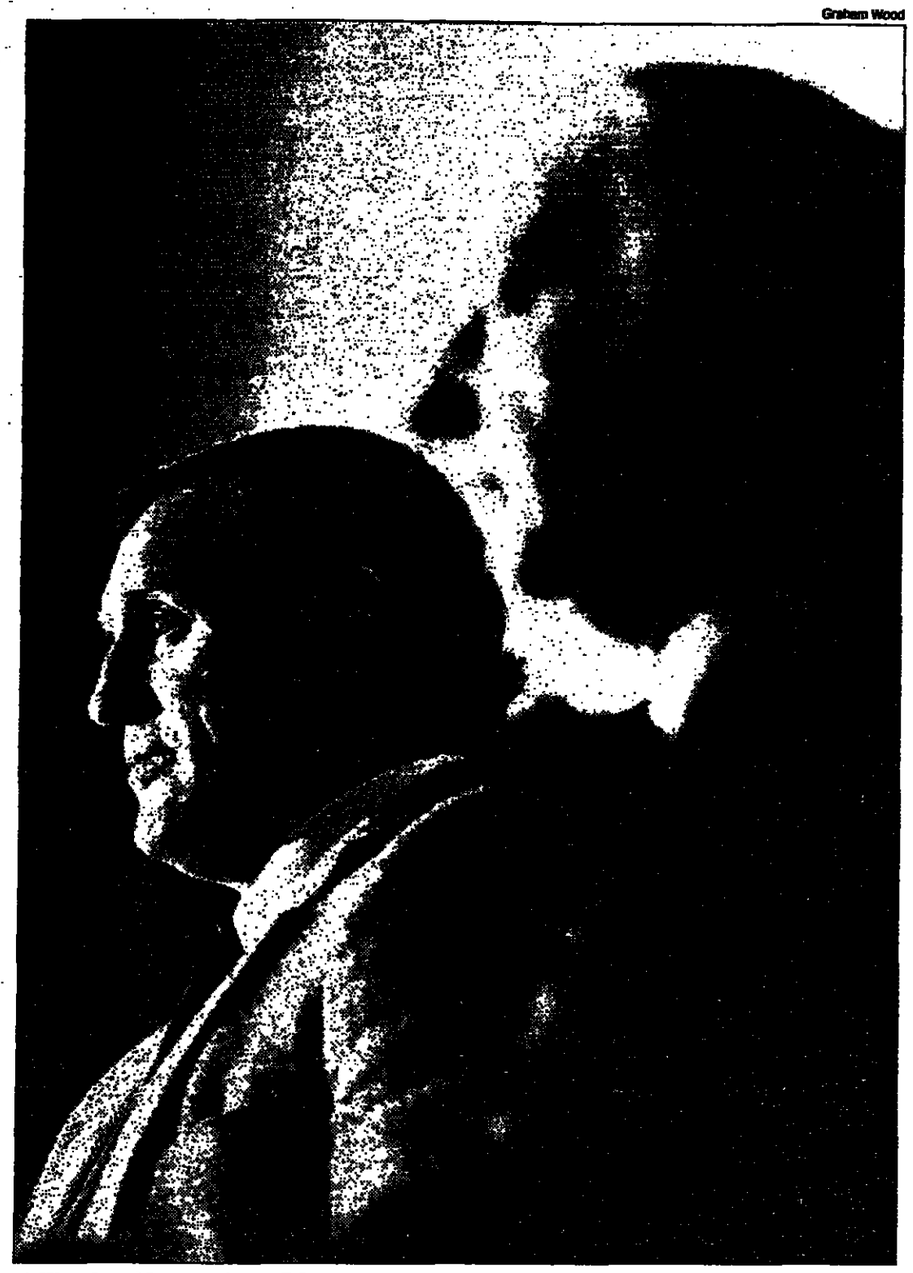
'All he's offering is the same medicine in bigger doses. He has been singing the same tunes on the national executive for years'

If this was a great set-piece battle, it had all the clash and clamour of a Waterloo with water pistols.

Walsh, the 50-year-old full-time union officer and former Rugby League international was first in. Entering the hall alone, he began laying out his election leaflets on every seat like some diligent churchwarden. Scargill, much more knowing, waited 15 minutes until the TV crews had set up their lights and cameras. Only then did he pass among the rows with *his* posters, brandishing them in front of every lens. "Good opening shot this," enthused the man from the BBC. It so proved.

Walsh appeared to have won the second round, the toss for who was to make the first 20 minute speech, putting Scargill into bat. The current NUM president began with his favourite attacking stroke: a 30-second blast at the media, always good for a laugh. So were his routine excursions into what Walsh's camp calls his "Mike Yarwood Act". This involves mocking the Midlands accents of officials of the breakaway UDM and how he imagines soft, southern Coal Board men actually speak.

What he has to say he has said before. That he warned there was a hit-list of pit closures, was not believed, but was proved right. That instead of accepting plans for flexible six-day working, miners should be fighting for a four-day week. That there will never be a place for the leaders of the UDM on the NUM. And that as the Government hated him, the Board hated him, the media campaigned for his opponent, there could be no better reasons for returning him.



Graham Wood

A Waterloo with water pistols: John Walsh and Arthur Scargill have a minor confrontation at Ashington

It is an old act. But it stands the test. Bellowing as tirelessly as a drill sergeant, swaying from foot to foot like a boxer, the forefingers jabbing home the points. Walsh told me later he was not listening from where he had been sent to the sanctuary of the secretary's office: "Didn't need my ear to the keyhole. He sings same old song to the same old music." Still, he could *not* hear the three bursts of applause of the final 20 second standing ovation.

Now it was Walsh's turn. "Arthur Scargill says he wants to be judged on his principles and his record. We've heard plenty about his principles, but precious little about his record." Walsh, the man who followed his father and grandfathers down a Yorkshire pit at 15, is educated to economics and knows how to use figures — a skill he now turns on Scargill's six years in office.

"He promised no pit closures; we've lost 100 pits and 100,000 jobs. No more coal imports: they are up from three to 15 million tonnes. A cut-back in nuclear power; from 13.4 million tones of coal-equivalent it is now up to 21 million. No sale of Board houses to private sector: they've been sold. No code of conduct. It's here, hurting us."

Gloom became gloomier as Walsh turned to wages. In the past six years inflation had been 34 per cent . . . general industrial wages had increased 54 per cent, coal productivity had soared 71 per cent . . . yet miners' wages had risen just 27 per cent. Or, put another way, every tonne of coal dug six years ago earned the Board £86.25. Every tonne now was worth £164.75, a rise of 91 per cent against the miners' miserable wage rise of half the national average.

Miners, who were entitled to be top of the wage league, had been betrayed by a leader who believed the way to negotiate was to turn every proposal into a demand, who was bent on confrontation, boasted that he did not mind the consequences; they were ruled by rhetoric and chaos.

It was a good speech. But it was *read* while Scargill's was *performed*. And although Walsh is still utterly Yorkshire, betrayed by phrases like "in our heart of 'earts", "as tha' knows" and "in us union", his plea for a policy of reasoned advance was given a mere 10 seconds applause: had the old quiz-show "clapometer" been sitting in judgement, on this election, no recount would have been called.

Then questions. The chairman was doubtless grateful to Scargill for pointing out various members of the audience waving their hands. Just as Scargill was doubtless glad that he just happened to have papers in front of him giving detailed information for the answers which we could see he just happened to have previously underlined in red. The questions were aimed at harassing Walsh on two issues: British Coal's demand for flexible working, and the "outlawing" of UDM leaders.

Walsh's position is that as the Board is determined on flexible working the NUM task was to get the best possible offer, then let the membership decide (Scargill's is a flat "no way"). And that UDM leaders may *have* to be readmitted to obtain a reunited union.

Later, John Walsh, told me: "The UDM thing is a bullet that takes a bit of biting. But no I don't think all t'hall was against me. My lads were there, sitting quiet." Why quiet? "Because they know, standing up to Arthur they'd get some stick. They know their chance to hit him'll come on ballot form.

"Key issue of this election? His record. What he's done for miners. All he's offering is same medicine in bigger doses. There's no personal animosity between us . . . just that he has been singing same old tunes on the national executive for years. I think the union is for union matters. He thinks it is a tool of his politics, our power to bring the country to a standstill. I don't think, come January 22, the lads will stand for any more of that. I'm more confident than ever."

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A miner, whistling in the dark? Perhaps. The Scargill camp claims that 12 out of the 18 areas have declared for their man, and boasts that only two of the 54 branches in the powerful Yorkshire coalfield openly back Walsh. Walsh supporters say it is not branch committees and their smoke-filled room selections that decide, but the rank and file; and they insist "finding a Yorkshireman to say he hates Arthur is like asking in a working class street — where most have now bought their own homes — 'who voted Tory?'. No hands will go up. But does that prove owt?"

Walsh's task in the final days of this curiously fragmented election campaign is to persuade miners at meetings in Warwickshire and Derbyshire and Scotland that they should remember not that Scargill alone spoke up for them in the bitter year of futile strife — but what it was that he said. And what he is saying still.

Stick with a leech

They may not be cuddly, but they still have friends

Though doctors since the days of ancient Greece employed leeches by the million to bleed patients, most of their treatments were good for neither man nor leech.

Today, however, with its numbers in nature reduced to a remnant, the leech occupies an important place in scientific research. Anti-coagulants in their salivary glands are already being put to use for some heart conditions and they are even used in micro-surgery, allowing surgeons to control bloodflow in localized areas.

Aquatic and wormlike — measuring about 12 cms at full stretch — the medicinal leech, *Hirudo medicinalis*, belongs to a class of invertebrates which feed mainly on the blood of reluctant donors; taking their fill by means of a powerful sucker surrounding the mouth.

In early times doctors used leeches on people with highly inflamed sores or congestion of the veins. But Dr Roy Sawyer, an authority on the creatures' biology and behaviour, says: "Their belief in the effectiveness of leeches reached a peak of absurdity. Stalin, on the night of his death in 1953, was the last historic figure to be leeched but there were many before him."

Dr Sawyer is managing director of Biopharm UK, of Swansea — the world's only leech farm — which maintains 80,000 captive-bred specimens to supply researchers and hospitals. The Prince of Wales visited the farm last month.

"In 1910 the medicinal leech was officially declared extinct in this country, but it was rediscovered at Llangorse Lake, near Brecon, in 1938," Dr Sawyer says. It is now listed as an internationally endangered species and he knows of only half a dozen British ponds where it has been recorded in the last 25 years. "It has vanished from Ireland, though people there once earned a living collecting them.

"Sadly, the leech is not a sympathetic animal — not like the appealing giant panda. And that is an irony because leeches, which are fascinating, have much more to offer us." Dr Sawyer's feelings are shared by Paul Pearce-Kelly, acting head keeper of the insect house at London Zoo, where 30 leeches are on display. "The leeches here are fed fresh blood: my blood, taken by syringe and provided for them in a dish," he says.

Only a little at a time, though. Not in the interests of Pearce-Kelly but of the public. Sated, they would lie boringly still instead of looking lively.

John A. Hill

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The force without him

Are the police holding back their best and brightest? One who thinks so is taking the fast lane west

Malcolm Sparrow was one of Britain's brightest police officers. At the age of 31 he has a First in maths from Cambridge, a Master's from Harvard and a PhD from Kent, and all (including himself) were in agreement that he was a chief constable in the making.

But just before Christmas Chief Inspector Sparrow resigned from the Kent police and this week joins the payroll of his American alma mater.

Kent police do not know whether to breathe a huge sigh of relief or to anguish over the loss of an exceptional young man. One senior police officer commented: "Malcolm presented us with a very interesting management problem — an impatient beggar who certainly livened up the conversation when senior officers got together. At present, the public's perception of the police is of a steady and reliable force. They don't want us to move too quickly and the police are not prepared to run the race as fast as he is."

Sparrow joined the police from Cambridge, choosing Kent because it was said to be one of the most progressive forces. During his probationary period he was commended by the Chief Constable for arresting 13 criminals from spot checks in the street — "I was keen to prove that I could wheel in the villains" — and in 1981, on the Bramshill accelerated promotion course, he was judged to be the best overall student.

As part of the course work, he began to devise a system of coding fingerprints by computer. A Harkness Fellowship (awarded to "promote international cooperation and identify future leaders") allowed him to continue this work at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington.

Initial results using Sparrow's system for catching criminals were reported in the *New York Times* as "a very significant development". Despite several job offers to work in the US, he was determined to come back and "see what use they were going to make of me". He sent details of his work on fingerprints to the Home Office in 1985 — and received neither acknowledgement nor encouragement.

He shrugs this off diplomatically: "With limited resources I suppose they can't experiment with new ideas. I am not bitter about the rejection but I might have been if my ideas had not been picked up in the States".

His knowledge of computer systems came to the attention of Commander John Newing, who was assembling a task force to work on the next generation of the Police National Computer. Sparrow was keen to join the team, but the Chief Constable of Kent turned down the transfer request last January.

As a Harvard don, he will get the opportunity to refine and further develop his system for coding fingerprints, the prototype machine for which is being assembled by an American firm. Sparrow is taking out worldwide patents.

Between now and September, when he takes up his classroom duties, he is contracted to co-write two books for Harvard, one a case study of professional ethics for public managers and elected officials, the other on police leadership.

Sparrow believes that high quality human resources are essential to good management. "A manager is responsible for the development of his subordinates, whereas a supervisor merely enforces rules. Most middle-ranking police officers have grown up in the supervision mode.

"The last 10 years have been very worthwhile," Sparrow acknowledges. "But the prospects for the next 10 years would be largely administrative and involve wading through bureaucratic treacle. I am not convinced that this would be the best use of my talent, nor do I think that it is the best preparation for being a chief constable.

"If I arrived at it by that particular route I'd be a little bit cynical, my brain by no means as creative and energetic as I'd like it to be at that stage. I think I could do more good from the platform provided by Harvard."

Sparrow wants to retain his connections with the British police, and some would like to see him rejoin at a higher rank after a spell in the States. Under the present system, that is not possible.

He admits: "It would take a brave chief constable to make an exception, because of the resentment from senior officers who consider that the only way for promotion is through the ranks, getting experience of command."

Christopher McCooey

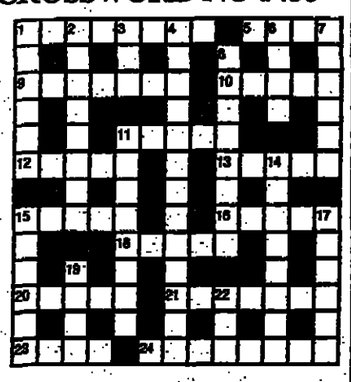
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Nick Rogers

On the wing: Malcolm Sparrow, taking his ideas to America

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Sorry, Solly

A word from Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, was enough to call off pro-South Africa MP John Carlisle's visits to universities before last year's Education Act guaranteed freedom of expression. Although he has decided to sally forth again, with engagements at Oxford, Reading and Durham, Carlisle has refused one invitation to speak in the spring at Queen Mary College in London. The reason: Solly Smith, the ANC's chief representative in Britain, will also be on the platform. Although Carlisle has spoken with ANC representatives before, he now castigates the organization for failing to renounce violence and says it is determined to "bomb its way to the negotiating table". His resolve has been stiffened by Mrs Thatcher's description of the ANC, during the Commonwealth conference in Vancouver, as a terrorist organization. Carlisle suggests the college approaches the Southern African Group, the more liberal rival to his own British-South Africa Parliamentary Group, for a substitute.

● A new project for Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal: keeping tabs on the production of an American television film about his life. Filming starts next spring with Ben Kingsley in the main part.

Choice

Have you ever wondered if anyone ever wins prize draw competitions? Dismiss the thought. A recent contest in America was won by 84-year-old Miriam Meade, a nun from a cloistered Carmelite house in Iowa. Sister Miriam was the lucky recipient of a free holiday in Florida for herself, a spouse, children and a babysitter. Not everyone was pleased, however. According to the head of her community, it all smacked of "hocus pocus" – Sister Miriam had not entered the competition. So that's how you do it.

● A New Year present I can manage without, thanks, is the disc just recorded on behalf of Jean-Marie le Pen, leader of France's far right National Front party, entitled *Bleu, Blanc et Rouge* (as in the flag). It features vaguely martial music with some excruciating lyrics, and is presumably intended to boost his presidential election campaign. At least the gravel-voiced Le Pen himself doesn't sing. Meanwhile an underground group calling itself l'Affront National has recorded an anti-racist response – not quite Top Twenty material but at least with enough rhythm for dancing.

No messing

In an exuberant will published yesterday, Peter Newton, a medieval stained glass expert who died in November, has left his valuable library to the University of York, where he taught. He adds an "absolute and strict condition, which is in no way to be altered in the slightest degree" – that the stuff is kept together with the library bequeathed by his own tutor. If the university refuses to accept the stipulation, he adds, "then the university, i.e. its officers of the moment, are bloody fools". Newton also left £100 for ale at a posthumous rigging or derigging party at his yacht club, and he left his share of a yacht to a pal, Mark Thorne, whose son he instructs to name his first son with the second and third names of "Wolfgang Peter"

BARRY FANTONI



'You realize that when he refers to the team strip it'll have an entirely different meaning'

Blockage

So much for the Department of Health's Mission to Explain. Junior minister Edwina Currie, who dropped her husband in it over Christmas when he drove her home after a beer or two, has done it again. Promoting the next No Smoking Day on March 9, she let slip yesterday that her husband, Ray, had coincidentally given up on No Smoking Day last year – without even realizing there was such a day. He had apparently thought about giving up at the start of the year but took until March 11 to do so. Despite the fact that the garrulous Mrs C had already held her post for six months by then, it appears that her spouse was unaware of DHSS anti-smoking exhortations. They must make you deaf.

PHS

With the Upper House assuming a more significant legislative role, **Max Beloff** argues that Westminster's division of duties must change



A lord for every ministry

The problem of Lord Whitelaw's physical fitness for the arduous job of leading the House of Lords has focused attention upon the problems that the government faces in carrying through the Upper House its large and contentious legislative programme. But to limit discussion to the quality or assiduity of Conservative working peers as compared with their Labour counterparts – some of whom have also disappointed their leaders – is to miss the essentials. What really is at issue is whether in dealing with the House which now sees for itself a more active role as a revising chamber, the government – any government – can afford the present distribution of responsibilities between the two Houses.

Apart from the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Advocate, to handle bills dealing with legal matters, only the Department of Trade and Industry is represented in the Lords by a cabinet minister who can speak with full authority. Five departments have ministers of state: the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Home Office, the Ministry of Defence, the Department of the Environment and the Scottish Office.

Agriculture is represented by a parliamentary secretary, and four departments – Education and Science, Health and Social Security (both in the front line and likely to remain so) Transport and Northern Ireland – are represented by parliamentary under-secretaries. Four departments – the Treasury (which now includes responsibility for the Civil Service), Employment, Energy and the Welsh Office – have no minister at all.

To deal with their business, there are the deputy chief whip and five lords in waiting, i.e., assistant whips. It is often pointed out that these tend to be the youngest hereditary peers, but it would be odd if it were otherwise. The position of lord in waiting is not a congenial one. He may have on behalf of the department to answer questions from opposition spokesmen of some seniority, and with their own ministerial experience, to whom he can often only say that he will pass on their observations to his minister.

But quite apart from this duty, and their involvement on the government side in the legislative process, they have other duties – the boring one of taking turns at the "gate", i.e., making sure that there are enough government peers around to win any likely divisions – these cannot be timed as they are in the House of Commons – and to prevent the House from being "counted out".

Finally, there are the duties connected with the royal household. Can one imagine someone who has done well in the House of Commons or in some non-parliamentary occupation willingly spending his time driving to Heathrow to welcome the Akond of Swat on behalf of Her Majesty? What Labour would do about lords in waiting if they ever came into office again hardly bears thinking about.

The fate of parliamentary under-secretaries is not all that much better. In the House of Commons, they have always the minister to fall back upon for assistance; in the House of Lords, for immediate purposes, they are the ministers – but one wonders whether the Civil Service has fully realized the implications of this fact in current circumstances. How far are they in all cases treated as being part of a ministerial team, which was not historically their role?

Of course the government does something to remedy this weakness where legislation is concerned. And that is where the working peers come in. For each bill the minister in charge can recruit a group of backbenchers to help with its passage, through taking upon themselves some of the burden of the committee and report stages.

This device seems to have been overlooked by parliamentary correspondents because of the rather simple fact that whereas the opposition parties can and do summon to their front benches their spokesmen on particular issues, Conservative peers, who are in fact speaking equally for their party under quasi-official auspices, do so from their own places.

If this fact were taken into account, the apparently greater weight of the opposition front benches would seem less striking. It would also to some extent absolve some (not all) Conservative working peers from the charge that they are not doing the work they were sent to the House to perform. (The work of the science and technology committee and the European Communities committee, which is again largely invisible to the media, can also be a major call on their time.)

But of course a backbench peer, however well briefed by the minister, cannot do more than argue the case for a clause as it stands at the particular stage. Only the minister can indulge in the complex bargaining between government and opposition which is an essential part of the revising process.

Since the recent infusion of former cabinet ministers, it can no longer be said that the Conservative Party has a less distinguished membership in the Upper House than the opposition parties – if this ever was true. In general debates, whether on the economy, foreign affairs or defence, the Conservatives can more than hold their own. But former cabinet ministers cannot become lords in waiting or even under-secretaries. The legislative problem demands a more radical solution than a new input of politically experienced Conservative life peers.

Either each department must have a minister of state (or perhaps in cases where little legislation is expected an under-secretary) or House of Commons ministers must be given the right to speak in the House of Lords when bills for which they are responsible come up. Both would be major, some would say constitutional, changes. It is not for a working peer to choose between them.

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Digby Anderson

Where the jam has to stick

When I come down to London from north Buckinghamshire, I prefer to drive: the trains are filthy, crowded, at this time of year very cold, and, regardless of the weather or season, always late. There is, unfortunately, no suitable coach. I drive to Finchley Road, take my collapsible bicycle from the boot, and cycle to the office. The car journey should take about 45 minutes. In the three weeks before Christmas it was taking anything up to three hours. As we get back to normal working after the Christmas break, the time is starting to lengthen again.

For two years or more, the M1 has been chaotic; not only slow but unpredictably slow. Predictable journey times are supposed to be the virtue of motorways. The journey is brightened by various hazard signs usually left on after the hazard, such as fog, is long gone (radio announcements are similarly out of date).

Finchley Road is fun: the bus lane is always blocked by a British Telecom or Gas van: both companies appear to be able to go, or more often remain stationary, wherever they wish, to everyone else's disruption.

The great joy of being both a cyclist and a car driver is that while cycling one can swear at all the silly things car drivers do (cutting across cyclists) and while driving swear at the cyclists (weaving in and to the left of stationary traffic) – successively taking both roles. It is impressive how swiftly one gets used to and enjoys the contradictions. The reason for the bicycle is that traffic in London itself has also become impossibly slow and unpredictable. There is a limit to the amount of the working day one can give over to travel or be prepared to allow for travel possibly taking up.

On good days one relishes the frustrations and even starts to collect obsessions. I hate milk floats with a passion I no longer thought possible. Why is it that these slow, frequently-stopping relics are sent out daily, stuffed with milk that keeps four weeks, in order to cause jams which increase with every delivery? I also hate ladies who drive their children 500 yards to school or, worse, wait for them in their cars in the middle of the road. Do them both good to walk. I've lost half a stone cycling: everyone should.

Some obsessions are more economic: on my frequent journeys to Kent I wonder why the price of the Dartford tunnel has not been increased to match the increased demand. Like the NHS, there will always be more demand than space on popular roads while roads are unpriced.

None of this will be news to the many people who live and work and travel around London, though each will have nurtured his pet obsessions. But that is the point. I have checked in the office, in the pub, in the restaurants and sandwich shops at lunch. Everyone is very angry about the roads into and in London. They are fed up with giving over hours of their life to unproductive travel. They are fed up, when they have lunch meetings elsewhere in London, with having to allow two hours for the travel there and back in case it takes that long. How much of the working day is being lost to the jams is anyone's guess.

So this is a genuine problem: you can see it simply by looking out of the window. It is also felt to be a problem. To judge by the talk and level of complaint and abuse, people, that is voters, are much more interested in it than they are in the INF, CAP or the Baker bill. Yet it receives next to no political attention and next to no media coverage. During the worst traffic congestion I have seen in the last month the motoring correspondents twittered about "sweet and easy gearboxes" on Korean cars or uncritically reproduced the questionable propaganda on drink-driving by the minister "responsible for roads and traffic".

The worth of that campaign is a matter we can discuss another day – the claims for its success are highly dubious and should be corrected by one motoring correspondent's recent admission that 20 years of state propaganda has been so ineffective that there is still "extraordinary ignorance as to what constitutes the legal limit". What is of immediate import is why the minister pursues these dubious campaigns so energetically. Cynics say that campaigns offer ministers such as himself and Mrs Currie a chance to promote themselves using the mass media of the campaign. I think it is to detract attention.

For the truth is that Mr Bottomley is at risk. He is the minister-responsible-for-jams. They are his fault. He runs a public *service* and a very lousy one. Every day his service inflicts frustration on millions of people. Every day it interferes with the economic growth that his fellow ministers urge. Yet the complaints about it seem curiously unfocused. They are not yet complaints about him.

It is time they were. In 1988 it is time that travellers and taxpayers stopped permitting him constantly to harangue us on our shortcomings and worked up a campaign to persecute him. Perhaps either the AA or the RAC could be persuaded to stop, for a moment, sending their members insurance schemes and maps and goodness knows what else they don't want, and get on with leading it.

If it works we will not only get better travel, but Bottomley, or perhaps his successor, will be so busy ensuring it that he won't have time to run the questionable campaigns that he evidently enjoys so much.

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Anthony Parsons considers British policy in the light of the Gaza dispute



Why Mellor was right to speak out

The Palestine problem has been a hornets' nest of emotion ever since 1917, and Mr David Mellor, by his comments in the West Bank and Gaza, has succeeded in scrambling squadrons of hornets into the air. Since these fauna are not the ideal mediators of international disputes, it is important to introduce some proportion into the tide of public comment.

To start with, I do not for a moment believe that we are in a situation either where "Foreign Office Arabists" have conned a recently appointed minister into making incautious remarks which he will later regret, nor that the minister has shot his mouth off, leaving officials to scurry about picking up the pieces. Mr Mellor will have tough talks with Israeli ministers, but the fabric of Anglo-Israeli relations will stand, just as it has withstood previous exchanges of verbal buffets.

As regards the relationship between officials and ministers, I have no doubt that the normal process of official advice and ministerial decision was carried through before Mr Mellor set out on this trip, but this clearly cannot extend to the exact terms of impromptu remarks made to television and radio reporters when visiting a refugee camp. In a nutshell I would be surprised if the calm of Whitehall has been much disturbed by this affair, regardless of the nature and volume of the public comment.

Anyone who has followed the Arab/Israeli dispute closely over the past year or so must be aware that the British government has become increasingly concerned over the stagnation of the so-called "peace process", over the deepening despair and frustration of the Palestinians in the occupied territories, over the apparently indefinite continuation of Israeli military occupation with its concomitants of denial of political, economic and social rights, let alone the right to self-determination, and over the dangers to regional, even to world peace inherent in the persistence of this combustible mixture.

A study of public statements, including one made by Mrs Thatcher on her visit to Israel in 1986, confirms that the Israeli leadership can be in no doubt of British views, unwelcome though these may be to some of them. It seems to me that it is not so much the content of Mr Mellor's remarks but their forthright and highly publicized nature which has stirred up the hornets. As a politician nurtured in the electronic age, Mr Mellor must have known what he was doing; although I dare say that he found conditions in the Jabaliya camp even more shocking than his briefing had prepared him for. I have not seen this camp myself but a close member of my family was there last summer and her description tallied closely with that of Mr Mellor.

In terms of content, what did the Minister of State say that was so dramatic? He said that the decision of the Israelis to deport Palestinian activists was contrary to international law. Since 1967 successive British governments have maintained that the Fourth Geneva Convention applies to the occupied territories. In summary this convention lays down that there should be no alteration in the status quo in territories under foreign military occupation.

By the same token successive British governments have for example rejected the Israeli annexation of Jerusalem and the extension of Israeli law to the Golan Heights and have been consistently critical of the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. Israel does not accept the application of the convention, but there is nothing new in Mr Mellor's statement of the British position.

He also criticized the Israelis for failing to improve conditions in Jabaliya. This is more controversial, but those directly responsible must be prepared to accept praise or blame in all circumstances and there is no doubt that, whatever the ramifications of the origin and persistence of the refugee problem, Israel has been responsible for Gaza for 20 years. Indeed, Mr Mellor was in a sense echoing the EEC foreign ministers who stated in February 1987 that they wished "to see an improvement in the living conditions of the inhabitants of the occupied territories, particularly regarding their economic, social, cultural and administrative affairs."

Mr Mellor called, as I heard him, for an end to military occupation and self-determination for the Palestinians. The former – Israeli withdrawal – has been a cornerstone of British policy ever since the then Labour government played a leading part in the negotiation of Security Council Resolution 242 in 1967. The latter has been British policy since the issue of the European Community Venice Declaration, a British initiative, in May 1980. Again, nothing new.

In brief, setting aside the slightly odd exchange with the Israeli officer in the street, what Mr Mellor appears to have done is to restate a number of known British positions in a more uncompromising and less *sotto voce* way than is customary on such visits. He may by doing so have given himself a rough ride with Israeli ministers and attracted some flak at home, but he will have contributed to the debate about the future which is already under way in Israel, notwithstanding resentment at outside criticism, however well meant.

The history of the past 70 years is littered with the corpses of failed attempts to solve this problem, which has caused so much death, suffering, displacement of people and general misery. But it is too important to the region and to the world at large for counsels of despair or silence. The peace treaty of 1979 between Israel and Egypt was a major step forward and, with the exception of the Syrian Golan Heights, it is now a problem between Israel and the Palestinians.

Both, in my view, need early progress towards a settlement, the Palestinians for obvious reasons, the Israelis because they face a terrible dilemma. The outside Arab world may be able to live with the status quo indefinitely, but for Israel it means the continued presence of a hostile underclass, already over a million strong, without the political or other rights normal in a democratic society, and increasingly in the grip of despair. The alternative of withdrawal would reduce Israel to a few miles wide at the narrowest point, in exchange for treaties which could well be torn up by a successor regime.

In spite of the paralysis on the Arab/Israel dispute customarily induced by the run-up to an American presidential election, I believe strongly that a determined effort should be made to convene the proposed international conference which has the support of the Israeli Labour Party, many Arab governments, as well as Britain and the whole European Community.

The obstacles facing such a conference would be of Himalayan proportions. But the Arab conjuncture is perhaps less unfavourable than in the past; Israeli consciousness of the need for progress may be growing; relations between the superpowers are better than they have been for years, and the alternative is inaction while the disease festers and the infection spreads.

If the Arabs could overcome their reluctance to negotiate face to face with Israel – the only way to a solution – and if the Israelis could show more flexibility about Palestinian representation, there is an outside chance that such a conference could ease the apprehensions of both sides and lead eventually to peace.

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Barking up the wrong duvet

I have not peered into many Cotswold bedrooms but a few casual observations lead me to believe that, particularly during these cold winter nights, a surprisingly high percentage of double beds around my way have a Labrador snoring among the other occupants.

This could be why much local interest has been aroused by the marital upset of a West Midland dog addict called Jacqueline Stewart and her husband George. What George did was to utter the fatal ultimatum: "Either the dogs go or I do." I could have told him the answer to that. His wife was frank enough to come out with the words that most other women only dare to hint at. "A dog is better than a man."

This is something all men have got to accept. I learnt long ago that the triangle of man plus dog plus dog-loving woman is not an equilateral one. Dogs will always get a disproportionate share of any loving glances, affectionate hugs or fond and foolish words that happen to be available for distribution.

A dog, as men will be reminded, is for life. A man is just a "relationship" which can "run its course". Whoever heard of a woman telling her pet "it's over"?

But what about all those distressing animals that end up in the Battersea Dogs Home? Their problem, I would guess, is that they never had what is significantly termed "a proper mistress".

How should men deal with this situation? Submission to the status quo is the only answer. Join in the worship. Taking on a few dog-like characteristics may help. The unfortunate Mr Stewart's big mistake was in being called George. I never heard of a dog called George. Something short and explosive is best. According to veterinary statistics Sam is the favourite, followed closely by Ben. Always answer when called.

Of course you will have learnt the command "sit" from an early age. You will also have discovered how to look suitably cowed, crestfallen and abashed when returning home if the temptations of an unauthorized chase after stray game have proved too strong to be resisted. Come to heel at once. It is also a good idea to learn how to bring things to hand on the command "fetch"; reading glasses, a gin and tonic, "my cigarettes". This should give you some advantage over your rival. For I never yet heard of a dog that could make a decent jug of Bloody Mary.

It's no use being jealous or sulky. Leave that to the dogs. One of mine once noticed that its mistress responded rather too warmly to a handsome visitor who happened to be wearing uniform. That dog was the gentlest of animals, but anyone wearing anything that looked like a uniform was anathema after that. This included people dressed in dinner jackets, a fact which was discovered only when he was taken surreptitiously and illegally to a performance of *Don Giovanni* at Glyndebourne. He spent the picnic interval trying to clear the gardens of fastidious opera-goers.

The uniform ban also affected our well turned out postman. When a letter of protest arrived from the Postmaster we stuck it on the wall above the dog basket. The dog duly ate it.

It is the bedroom which usually turns out to be the main battlefield in this triangle. A heavy weight at the end of the bed is just about bearable, even comforting, but that was never enough for my late-lamented yellow Labrador. He would wait until the small hours before crawling under the sheets and lying back with his head on the pillow like everyone else.

If he had been a quiet sleeper even that might not have been impossible. But he used to dream about rabbits. Many a night everyone would be awoken by yelps and squeaks coming from an unexpected head on the pillow. Then, of course, he would have to be calmed down, told everything was all right, and hushed gently back to sleep.

One husband I heard about thought he had won the bedroom battle when the family terrier got too decrepit to make the leap on to the bed. But one night he prostrated himself to search for a slipper. Seeing this the dog jumped on his back. From there he was able to make it to the soft, warm, eiderdown heaven. From then on that man found himself kneeling down every night in order to provide the dog with a mounting block.

I suppose we should be grateful that they don't want to bring the horse upstairs as well.

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GORBACHOV'S PSYCHIATRISTS

Five years ago the Soviet Union withdrew from the World Psychiatric Association, angrily rejecting Western charges that it misused psychiatry for political purposes. Now, nearly three years into Mr Gorbachov's time in office, the Soviet Government has approved legislation governing the procedures under which people are committed to psychiatric hospitals and protecting their rights while they are there.

The Soviet authorities will deny that there is any connection between the two events. They will deny either that the new provisions amount to an admission of failings in the past or that they have been framed in response to pressure from abroad. Yet Moscow is unlikely to have conceded that the rights of individuals in mental hospitals needed to be protected at all without having been shamed into it.

The appearance of such legislation on the Soviet statute book is, therefore, a tribute to Western and Soviet campaigners like the British scholar, Dr Peter Reddaway, of the Kennan Institute, Dr Anatoly Koryagin, who was allowed to emigrate last year after having been imprisoned for documenting Soviet psychiatric abuses, and to the many other victims of Soviet psychiatry. It also provides evidence that persistent, well-supported agitation can have an effect, especially at a time when the Soviet authorities are as sensitive to world opinion as they are at present.

The passing of legislation, however, is less than half the battle. Soviet citizens are already hedged about by a mass of protective legislation, the efficacy of which extends little further than the printed page. The Soviet Constitution has been described as the most democratic in the world. In theory, it is. There are emigration provisions which allow anyone with relatives abroad to join them; they cannot. There are freedoms of assembly and expression which should permit believers to practise their religion, and representatives of minority nationalities to preserve their culture; this is not the case.

These contradictions between theory and practice have provided fruitful ground for Soviet and Western campaigners. Moscow has responded by re-codifying many laws. Yet many Soviet citizens have no access to the law; their path is blocked by local Communist Party officials who determine who may approach the courts, and often the verdict too. If the odds in the lower courts are so stacked against the plaintiff, the possibility of appealing higher is minimal.

With complaints about psychiatric abuse the difficulties are, if anything, greater. Despite a number of recent Soviet press articles detailing individual cases, some Soviet officials and doctors still deny that abuses occur. One of them is Georgy Morozov, who heads the Serbsky Institute, where many of the most flagrant abuses have taken place. So long as Morozov is in place, the argument is not over.

Nor have any of the Soviet press exposés dealt with directly political cases. They have concentrated rather on people who have been victimized by relatives or local officials. Those who have campaigned against the system as such have as yet found no public supporters among Soviet journalists. Meanwhile, there are still people in the Soviet political and medical establishment who sincerely believe that dissent from the line of the Communist Party amounts to insanity.

The new Soviet laws look, above all, like a bid by the Soviet Union to regain its membership of the World Psychiatric Association. Such a move would accord with Moscow's present interest in resuming participation in international forums and regaining international respectability generally. The WPA should require proof that the new legislation is actually working before they reverse their stand.

WHY A WOMAN COULD

Monday's carefully pre-publicized *Panorama* — like much of the fuss surrounding her overtaking of Asquith — turned out to be less about the Prime Minister than about the sex war. Inevitably, much of the evidence was taken from ex-ministers who had fallen foul of Mrs Thatcher; but even Lord Hailsham, who had not, compared her to Queen Elizabeth I.

Sir John Hoskyns, less flatteringly, asserted that "she used the fact she was a woman very powerfully to get her way". Another witness (not hostile) thought that the key to her particular brand of cabinet-government (i.e., it was implied, non-cabinet government) was the fact that women were not "clubbable". Sir Frank Cooper has gloomy memories of a dinner with her, she being the only woman present, and of a whispered request from a fellow guest to call the SAS to get them out. President Reagan's affection for her has similar overtones. He quoted with approval her remark that women always knew when men were behaving like children.

So this is what it has all been about. A female outsider of relatively humble origins (Sir John Nott introduced the "class" theme by saying that she could not get on with "gentlemen") captured the leadership of the Tory party. Then, by unscrupulously behaving as a woman rather than a man, by thoroughly unfair means in fact, she took control of the party establishment and proceeded to pick it off one by one until she had secured a government, largely composed of upstarts like herself, who would conform to her will and espouse her radical causes. The atmosphere of injured masculine pride generated by the programme almost brought tears to the eyes.

It was not a programme which will do much harm to the Prime Minister's reputation. She came over as determined, bossy and possibly arrogant, but these qualities are far less offensive to the general public than they are to senior politicians. Most people do not think that it is a very bad thing to have a prime minister who insists on having a cabinet that will agree with her, or even a prime minister who will get rid of colleagues (as Lord Havers observed) whom she thinks to be no longer up to their jobs.

"Good on her!" will be the ordinary public response to such adverse criticisms, if adverse they were intended to be. She is not given to compromise, *Panorama* suggested. But neither, it would seem, is the electorate. The image of her as an authoritarian, ungovernable woman which this programme projected is the very one which, with extraordinary shrewdness, Mrs Thatcher has sought to achieve for herself.

Yet it is doubtful whether historians in the future will wholly subscribe to the portrait which *Panorama* painted on Monday. This unbending lady has compromised often — on Rhodesia, on Ulster, at times on the economy. Many of her pet fads or cherished beliefs have gone by the board. What is astonishing is that she has preserved throughout the reputation for inflexibility which she so loves.

Much even of her reputation as a ruthless handler of colleagues arises from her own character rather than the characters of the colleagues concerned. Many of them began by despising her and thought that they could patronize her. For a long time, she bore public and semi-public criticism from cabinet colleagues with a patience unsurpassed by any of her male predecessors. No wonder that, when circumstances became propitious, she wielded the axe.

The truth is that the inherited handbook of Tory political wisdom contains no recipe for coping with a woman leader. Lord Whitelaw, alone of the old Tories, seemed able to do so, although Lord Carrington thought he could. Discarded colleagues are, therefore, left to sing their lament: "Why can't a woman be more like a man?"

THEFT BY OTHER NAMES

Towards the end of last year two cases came up in succession before lay magistrates at Woking Magistrates' Court. One case involved a woman pleading guilty to stealing a few poundsworth of goods from a shop, the other a woman pleading guilty to defrauding the Department of Health and Social Security of £1,900. Both were living on social security and both were first offenders. The shoplifter was fined £75; the fraud was given a conditional discharge.

The result did not surprise DHSS prosecutors. It is their experience that, while shoplifting is generally considered by lay magistrates to be worthy of punishment, cheating the DHSS is frequently regarded with a certain sympathy, even equanimity. So many offenders have received a token sentence, or none at all, that the DHSS is discouraged from prosecuting any but a tiny fraction of the fraudulent claimants that it manages to catch.

The logic behind the attitude of lay magistrates is not clear. Claiming benefit money under false pretences is not a "victimless" crime; the victim is the taxpayer, who is providing billions of pounds a year to pay for those who genuinely cannot provide for themselves. Nor is it an uncommon crime, which does not need public examples to be made for the sake of deterrent. Last year, 10,000 prosecutions were brought by the DHSS. Thousands more false claimants were discovered, but escaped punishment except for having to repay the sum involved. In the last 12 months known frauds worth £50 million have been detected.

The overall incidence of social security fraud is impossible to calculate. Very often it is uncovered only because neighbours or acquaintances with a grievance write anonymous letters of denunciation to the DHSS. But when investigations are undertaken, the evidence suggests that in the south of England, where jobs are plentiful, large numbers of claimants are cheating. Last summer the Department of Employment investigated the cases of 4,400 people on unemployment benefit in towns along the south coast. More than a quarter were found to have jobs. Of these, the Department of Employment intends to consider only 70 cases for prosecution, of which perhaps a third will end up in court.

Given this process of selection, which excludes all but the most reprehensible, magistrates might be expected to take a tough line. Not so. The maximum sentence at their disposal, a short prison term, is scarcely ever employed. Neither is community service, the recommended alternative to prison, which might seem ideally suited to social security cheats. The DHSS prosecution department has considered whether more cases should be classified as theft and taken to the crown court, where defendants can expect rather less lenient treatment. But prosecuting in the crown court is an expensive option.

Attention has been focused on benefits fraud this week with the announcement that the Department of Employment, emboldened by its success on the south coast, intends to mount a new drive against false claimants. This exercise would have more bite if the DHSS could be certain that those who are eventually prosecuted are properly sentenced.

In the long term the Lord Chancellor might wish to consider whether the Scottish court system, which restricts the jurisdiction of lay magistrates to only the lowest levels of crime, might provide a more satisfactory system of justice in this and other instances. In the short term lay magistrates should at least be given clear guidance on sentencing for benefits fraud. Social security cheating is not likely to diminish when those who are caught are seen, too often, to get away with it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeking route out of London jams

From Mr Malcolm Buchanan

Sir, The dismissal by Sir Alfred Sherman (article, January 2) of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner's imaginative call for some kind of peak-hour entry permit or charge for those wishing to drive their cars to central London tilts at many windmills but misses the essential point. This is that at present fuel prices and parking charges, the demand for the use of private vehicles in central London will always at peak times greatly exceed the supply of road space available.

This is true whether or not we have the rail subsidies which Sir Alfred deplores, whether or not any of the urban motorways which Sir Alfred favours are built, and whether central London expands or declines as Sir Alfred thinks it should. The implication and visible result of this mismatch of demand and supply is that motorists queue rather than pay to use central London road space.

The congestion has been estimated to cost about £1 billion per annum in wasted time, extra vehicle-operating costs, bus subsidies and policing and enforcement costs and is steadily spreading throughout the day and throughout London.

The new Metropolitan Police Commissioner is wise to point out that there are other ways. Permit systems are one option — Milan has recently reduced its peak-hour central area traffic by 50 per cent by such measures and this has been supported by public opinion. But to go to the heart of the problem we need a fresh look at the way in which all vehicles pay for roads and parking in London and a new charging system which imposes a more effective price mechanism between the supply of road space and the demand for its use.

Such a system could significantly reduce congestion in central London and elsewhere, could improve bus services and reduce subsidies, could help to raise revenue for much-needed road improvements and could enable commercial vehicles and those who really need to use private cars to do so at reasonable speeds and with some certainty as to how long their journeys will take.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM BUCHANAN,
2 Eaton Rise, W5.

From Mr B. J. Goodchild

Sir, Anyone who has surveyed a typical rush-hour traffic queue in the London area will be aware that the bulk of it consists of private cars, many carrying only the driver.

Yet in arguing that commuters should meet the full costs of their journeys, Sir Alfred Sherman appears concerned only with users of public transport.

He ignores that most incongruous subsidy represented by the tax privileges on company cars. Your Economics Correspondent reported these (November 17) as costing the Government £1.1 billion a year in lost revenue.

Surprising, too, that Sir Alfred should not suggest any measure to relate the motorist's perceived costs more directly to the length of his journeys like those of the bus or rail traveller. An obvious step would be to increase petrol duty substantially, at the same time abolishing other road taxes.

A more sophisticated alternative, but surely no longer a technical impossibility, would be a road-charging system for London and other conurbations which reflected the costs of congestion by taking account of time as well as distance travelled.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. GOODCHILD,
36 Hinton Road,
Wallington, Surrey.
January 4.

From Mr Michael Welbank

Sir, Sir Alfred Sherman's wistful musings covered a very wide range of issues without ever coming up with any solution. The assurance that he sought, that someone somewhere is thinking systematically about these problems, just cannot be given. He should not be at all surprised at this, since there is no one today charged with such a responsibility. Killing off the GLC was a somewhat strong remedy to overcome a few political problems.

Strategic planning, regional planning — call it what you will — is essential for the confident and successful provision of urban transportation systems and indeed for all the other key operational services of a major city. We do not have such planning in our capital city.

We are left with a myriad of fragmented organisations and warring pressure groups, all claiming to be able to solve the problems of London. In all this ordinary people suffer; the crude interaction of market forces can never be effective in ensuring the delivery of urban services to acceptable standards to the whole community.

London deserves good planning.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WELBANK, Director,
Shankland Cox
(Urban and Regional Planners),
Blake House, Admirals Way, E14.
January 4.

At odds over funding the NHS

From Professor George Jones and Mr Tony Travers

Sir, There can have been few climb-downs more swift and unexpected than the Government's recent decision (report, December 17) to pump extra resources into the National Health Service. After a few lobbies of Downing Street and well-publicised incidents involving patients, and a single Gallup poll, cash was on offer, despite the Government's constant assertions that it had been putting more money than ever into the NHS.

One of the present Government's most distinctive features so far has been its readiness to stand up to vested interests, whether miners, teachers, lawyers, opticians, farmers, trade unions, universities, local authorities or, for that matter, terrorists. That such a government should give in so feebly to corporate power is odd indeed. Have we on this occasion returned to the corporate state of the 1970s, from which the Government promised to rescue us?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE JONES (Professor of Government),
TONY TRAVERS (Research Director, Greater London Group),
London School of Economics and Political Science,
Houghton Street, WC2.
December 31.

From Professor M. H. Irving and others

Sir, In the mid-1970s we were appointed to professorial chairs in the University of Manchester for the specific task of establishing a third teaching hospital for Britain's biggest medical school. The Manchester Medical School was expanded to provide improved medical services for the underprivileged and under-doctored people in this part of the United Kingdom.

With the enthusiastic support of our medical, nursing and ancillary colleagues, we have turned Hope Hospital into a university hospital renowned not only for its undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and clinical research but also for its services to the people of Salford and, through its tertiary referral practice, to the people of the North-west. We have done so in an economical fashion without accumulating the large infrastructure of supporting staff characteristic of traditional teaching hospitals. As a result, we understand that we are the most cost-effective such hospital in the United Kingdom.

Like every other hospital we have, over the past year, been subject to bed closures and other restrictions, but now we hear we are to be afflicted with even further major cuts, the Salford Health Authority being forced to close up to 140 beds by April next year. Needless to say, the acute sector mainly concentrated in this hospital and the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital will bear the brunt of these cuts.

Additionally, we understand there are to be restrictions on the treatment of patients referred from outside our district and medical staff redundancies have been mentioned as a possibility. If these cuts go ahead we will not be able properly to teach our students, to treat the patients referred to us, or to conduct clinical research. Furthermore, patients with complex problems referred from other districts and for whom there are no other facilities in the North-west will have to travel to other parts of the United Kingdom to receive treatment.

In short, we are about to see the achievements of the past decade effectively dismantled even though they were undertaken at the request of the Department of Health, the University Grants Committee, and the North West Regional Health Authority.

The logic defies us. Could somebody please explain?

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L. A. TURNBERG (Professor of Medicine),
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December 23.

Pressure on GPs

From Dr M. J. Healy

Sir, All general practitioners accept that every child should be immunised, and every woman screened for cervical cancer, but few of us will relish the prospect of a financial penalty if locally-agreed targets for these procedures, set out in the Government's White Paper, *Promoting Better Health* (report, November 26), are not reached. Would it not be fairer to suggest that the payment of a family allowance is dependent on the claiming mother producing a certificate of immunisation, or an exemption certificate, if the doctor thinks such an immunisation is contra-indicated?

Similarly, if a woman does not attend for a cervical smear, her husband's tax code, or her own if she was not married, could be altered disadvantageously, until she has attended for a smear.

General practitioners and their staff would be spared considerable administrative time and costs and the onus would be properly on the patients to take some responsibility for their health and to avail themselves of the services that the doctors are only too willing to provide for them.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE HEALY,
5 Eversley Crescent, N21.
January 3.

Early leanings

From Mr B. H. Owen

Sir, It used to be the general custom, adhered to still by a dwindling number of publishers, to place the title of a book running up the spine from bottom to top (when placing it horizontally was not possible or desired). The modern habit has it running from top to bottom.

In discussing the relative merits of these two methods with my English classes over several years, I have found by experiment that the large majority of my pupils more easily incline their heads to the left than to the right, and that therefore the older method of placing titles was the more convenient.

There is also the factor that with the head held to the left, one can walk along a row of books arranged alphabetically, from left to right, and see where one is going and so avoid nasty accidents in crowded libraries.

Publishers, please note!

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
B. H. OWEN,
1 Killieser Avenue,
Telford Park, SW2.
December 26.

Centre piece

From Mr Anthony Windrum

Sir, What are we to make of the tiresome little paragraphs inserted in the middle of news items? Are we meant to read them a) before the main item, b) after, (c) in the middle, or d) not at all?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WINDRUM,
Limberlost,
27 Denne Road,
Horsham, West Sussex.
December 29.

Royal Family duties

From Mr T. C. M. O'Donovan

Sir, I have carried out a survey of the engagements performed by the Royal Family during 1987, as reported in the Court Circular.

	1	2	3	4	5
The Queen	125	65	242	432	18
Duke of Edinburgh	178	117	27	322	54
The Queen Mother	60	32	13	105	8
Prince of Wales	174	50	52	276	33
Princess of Wales	147	29	4	180	17
Duke of York	51	20	5	76	36
Duchess of York	99	33	–	132	36
Prince Edward	37	22	3	62	20
Princess Royal	243	79	45	367	67
Princess Margaret	95	25	9	129	17
Princess Alice	37	13	14	64	3
Duke of Gloucester	78	23	22	123	22
Duchess of Gloucester	84	24	3	111	8
Duke of Kent	83	29	19	131	33
Duchess of Kent	84	18	5	107	18
Princess Alexandra	65	19	9	93	33

1. Official visits, opening ceremonies, other appearances.
2. Receptions, lunches, dinners, banquets.
3. Other engagements including investitures, meetings, audiences.
4. Total number of engagements in UK.
5. Number of days abroad on official tours.

On official tours abroad the Queen carried out 87 engagements, the Duke of Edinburgh 192, the Prince of Wales 167, the Princess of Wales 86, the Duke and Duchess of York 76 each, Prince Edward 70 and the Princess Royal 337.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. M. O'DONOVAN,
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The Avenue,
Datchet, Berkshire.
January 4.

Third World books

From the Director of the Ranfurly Library Service

Sir, The desperate shortage of books in the Third World and its impact on the Commonwealth countries of southern and East Africa was compellingly described by Mr Christopher Martin (January 2).

The Ranfurly Library Service (RLS) is a charity whose purpose is to collect useful surplus books in the UK for distribution overseas, usually by the National Library Service or Ministry of Education. Books are sent in response to requests; although 13 million books have been despatched since RLS began in 1954, and current output is around 50,000 books a month, demand massively outstrips supply. RLS ensures that books are relevant to needs by employing staff with recent appropriate experience in recipient countries.

While RLS works closely with the British Council, the Library Association and the Overseas Development Administration, and provides a supplement to the Government's book aid programme, much more is needed.

Yours faithfully,
SARA HARRITY, Director,
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39/41 Coldharbour Lane,
Camberwell, SE5.
January 4.

Rewards in the City

From the Chief Executive, Action Resource Centre

Sir, May I add to the remarks of the Warden of Toynbee Hall (December 24).

The unfortunate truth is that, with some honourable exceptions, businesses in the City of London and elsewhere believe that the desperate needs which Mr Lee Williams describes are marginal to their mainstream business concerns. If they perceive any connection at all, it will be through the charity committee; this often reinforces the sense of marginality, because causes are "donated to" rather than "invested in".

However, businesses will reap the rewards of an investment in a stable social environment for their employees and for their own operation. My own organisation offers company employees development and training opportunities through assignments and secondments of a few hours to six months and more. These can be closely related to company training and development objectives, while injecting much-needed skills into the local community, addressing some of their training and learning needs.

It is a comment echoing Alan Lee Williams's sentiment that of over 100 such opportunities available to companies in London in 1987, only a small number have been filled. In particular, not a single vacancy in the area served by Toynbee Hall has been taken up.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET HYDE,
Chief Executive,
Action Resource Centre,
CAP House Third Floor,
9/12 Long Lane, EC1.
December 29.

New-style teachers

From Mr Ian M. Dorton

Sir, I see from your report on December 29 that the Government is planning to improve the teaching profession by encouraging redundant executives, retired police officers, former miners and the like to move into education. I have been in the profession for 12 years now and in that time I have seen enough middle-aged/mature failures coming into teaching in the belief that they had failed at other things, but teaching was easy.

What is needed is an influx of young, able and, most important, committed teachers. The only way to achieve this is to make the profession attractive to the talented university-leaver. An inflow of middle-aged business casualties is not the answer. Teaching is a profession which requires time to learn the art and relevant skills.

Yours faithfully,
IAN M. DORTON,
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Stone Street,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
December 30.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 6 1912

The benefits or otherwise of a classical education have been debated in the letters columns of The Times *for generations. The debate still goes on*

CLASSICS AND THE AVERAGE BOY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,— May I adduce my own experience in support of Professor Turner's suggestion that boys, and, I would add, girls also, should have some choice of the subjects they are to be taught? I spent seven years of school life in the vain endeavour to acquire the rudiments of Latin, and I have never been able to construe a simple sentence in that language. I left school with the reputation of a dunce, and the disheartening conviction that I was imbecile. At college I turned to science, and succeeded in taking every prize and scholarship open to competition therein, and eventually took the University gold medal of the University of London. In that University I have served as examiner, and on two Boards of Studies. I have also been president of more than one learned society, and, greatest distinction of all, my letters are occasionally admitted into *The Times* as those of an authority on my subject. It seems, therefore, that, even for academic success, ability to acquire the Latin language is not a safe test of capacity. But those wasted seven years? Not altogether wasted, perhaps. I was constantly caned for my stupidity over Latin, and the sole accomplishment that I acquired at school was that of taking a licking without howling. "So parents all who children have, and eke ye who have none," do not be depressed if your children show no ability to learn Latin. There may be hope for them, even though each of them is, like myself, A DUNCE.

THE FUTURE OF GREEK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,— It is odd that the Committee of the Hellenic Society, whose report appears in yesterday's *Educational Supplement*, did not take the trouble to find out the present position of Greek at Cambridge. Any one interested in the subject ought to be informed that (1) Greek is not required at Cambridge of candidates for diplomas, of whom a considerable number are in residence, especially in agriculture; (2) Greek is not compulsory after the previous examination for candidates for the Ordinary B.A. degree (we do not speak of a "pass" degree at Cambridge, because Poll men as well as Honours men are classed); the great majority of these now take neither the General nor one of the two specials involving Greek. Indeed, it is safe to say that nine-tenths of Cambridge BA's nowadays have read no Greek (so far as the University is cognisant) beyond the beggarly modicum required for the Previous. (3) Women students are admitted to all Honours examinations without a preliminary examination necessarily including Greek.

Yours &c.,
Mürren, Jan. 3. H. RACKHAM.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 5: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 5: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

A memorial service for Peter Combe will be held at Chelsea Old Church on Saturday, January 9, at 12.30.

Birthdays today

Major K.G. Adams, 68; Mr Rowan Atkinson, actor and comedian, 33; Lord Balfour of Burleigh, 61; Sir Ashley Bramall, former chairman, GLC, 72; Major-General Sir Hamish Campbell, 83; Sir Robert Clark, chairman, Hill Samuel Group, 64; Mr John Crofi, criminologist and oil painter, 65; Mr Kapil Dev, cricketer, 29; General Sir Martin Farndale, 59; Mr Barry John, rugby player, 43; Mr P.J. Kavanagh, writer, 57; Lord Plowden, 81;. Miss Sylvia Syms, actress, 54; Mr William Sirs, trades unionist, 68; Mr J.P. Sowden, former chairman, Costain Group, 71; Sir Andrew Urquhart, former principal, St Godric's College, 70; Mr Terry Venables, football manager, 45; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, former chairman, Unilever, 76.

Church news

Bishop named

The new Bishop Suffragan of Plymouth is to be the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Ven Richward Hawkins, it was announced yesterday. He succeeds the Right Rev Kenneth Newing, who has announced his resignation.

Archdeacon Hawkins was educated at Exeter College and St Stephen's House, Oxford, and has spent most of his ministry in the West Country, where he is now priest-in-charge of the parish of Whitestone-with-Oldridge, Devon. He is aged 48.

Memorial service

Mr C. Blunt

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Christopher Blunt was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

Mr Simon Blunt, son, read the lesson and the Rev Robert Hughes, Sir Robert Clark, Chairman of Hill Samuel Group, and Mr Ian Stewart, MP, gave addresses. Professor Karl Morrison, son-in-law, read a prayer by Father Bede Jarrett. Among those present were:

Mrs Karl Morrison and Mrs Judith Mustoe (daughters), Mrs Simon Blunt (daughter-in-law), Mr Christopher Blunt, Miss Amanda Blunt, Miss Sophia Mustoe and Mr James Mustoe (grandchildren), Miss E. A Blunt.

Lord Congleton, the Hon Mrs Maxwell Silamp, the Hon Nicholas Assheton, the Hon Mrs Judith Sinclair, Sir Adrian Biddenhassett, Sir Harry Moore, Sir George Abell, Sir Hilary Scott, Sir John Pilcher (chairman, Treasure Trove Review Committee), Lady Wallinger, Dr D M Metcalf (Keeper of the Heberden Coin Room, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford), Mr David Stanford (Printer to the University, Oxford University Press Printing House) with Mr Richard Russell (special sales director).

Professor R I Page (Department of Anglo-Saxon, Cambridge University) and Mr Mark Blackburn (History Faculty); Mr J G Pollard (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge); Dr John Kent (Keeper, Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum), Mrs Elizabeth Pirie (Leeds City Museum), Dr Christopher Challis (editor, *British Numismatic Journal*) and Dr Christine Challis, Mr Peter Clayton (president, London Numismatic Club), Mr Hugh Pagan (president, British Numismatic Society) and Mrs Pagan with Mr Wilfred Slater (secretary); Mr R Stancroft-Baker (Christie's) with Mr L Brown; Mr Michael Robbins (president, Society of Antiquaries) with Mr Hugh Thompson, Mr Arthur Grimwade (Essay Club Antiquaries), Mr P W H Brown (secretary, British Academy) with Mr Peter Williams.

Dr Margaret Gelling (president, English Place Names Society) with Mr and Mrs John Field; Dr G R C Davis (Royal Historical Society), Professor Martin Biddle (Winchester Excavations Committee, Winchester Research Unit and Winchester Mint Steering Committee) and Mrs Kjolbye-Biddle, Mr Hugh Seymour (president, Wiltshire Archaeology Society), Mr S Fulton (also representing the Travellers' Club), Mr Peter Mitchell (A H Baldwin and Sons), Mr Patrick Finn (Spink and Son) with Mr Douglas Saville; Mr and Mrs N M Assheton, Professor Kenneth Cameron, Mrs Robert Hughes, Mr James Byam-Shaw, Mr John Bazley, Mr Martin Bazley, Mr Sebastian Bazley, Professor and Mrs Henry Loyn, Dr Arnold Taylor, Professor Phillip Grierson, Mrs David Abel Smith, Professor and Mrs Paul Harvey, Mr and Mrs Roger Ellis, Mr Michael Maclagan and Mr C Farthing.

Lord Duncan-Sandys

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Duncan-Sandys will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 9, 1988, at St Margaret's Church, Westminster. Those intending to be present are requested to write to: The Rector's Secretary, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PL.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Bovey and Miss K.J. Lamb
The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of Colonel and Mrs Bruce Bovey, of Bedchester, Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Kathryn, younger daughter of Sir Archie and Lady Lamb, of Wyke Hall, Gillingham, Dorset.

Mr G.J.A. Baddoo and Miss N.R. Price
The engagement is announced between Jim, son of Dr and Mrs Michael Baddoo, of Dronfield, Sheffield, and Nancy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Price, of Cheam, Surrey.

Mr S.H.G.T. Bellamy and Miss R. James
The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of the late Mr George Bellamy and Mrs Clarice Bellamy, of Birstall, near Leeds, and Rita, elder daughter of Mr Hugh McGinlay and Mrs Mary McGinlay, of Dumbarton, Scotland.

Mr R.D. Bramley and Miss C.V. Bridgeman
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mrs Bramley, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire and the late Mr Richard Bramley, of Unstone, Derbyshire, and Celestine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Bridgeman, of Barnes, London.

Mr D.A. Gallagher and Miss J.M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Gallagher, of Toddington Park, Toddington, Bedfordshire, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thompson, of Stibbington House, Wansford, Peterborough.

Mr M.A. Hales and Miss T. Schippel
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Colonel and Mrs Michael Hales, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Teresa, daughter of Mrs Mary Jones, of Belton, near Doncaster.

Mr M.P. Hamilton and Miss M.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Peter B. Hamilton, of Guildford, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Mervyn Jones, of Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Mr R.C. Knowles and Miss K. Harmer
The engagement is announced between Rodger, younger son of Mr and Mrs K.S. Knowles, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Harmer, of Chard, Somerset.

Mr J.D.M. Langshaw and Miss J.K. Rothenberg
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Langshaw, of Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Judy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Helmut Rothenberg, of Hampstead, London.

Mr K. Lawson and Mrs P.M.L. Duncan
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, younger son of the late T. Campbell Lawson and of Mrs Lawson, of Helensburgh, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Constantine, of Vero Beach, Florida, and widow of James Duncan.

Mr A.J.B. Lindsell and Miss V.A. Lynch-Staunton
The engagement is announced between Tony, elder son of Mrs James Lindsell, of Lane End, St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire and the late Mr James Lindsell, and Victoria, younger daughter of Major Anthony Lynch-Staunton, of The Coach House, Nunney, Somerset, and Mrs Anne Lynch-Staunton, of Pinhay House, Lyme Regis, Dorset.

Mr S.F. Matthews and Miss D.R. Field
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Peter Matthews, of Bath, and Mrs Pauline Matthews, of London, SW6, and Diana, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs William Field, of Queensland, Australia.

Mr P.J. Mottram and Miss I. Rubinstein
The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Mottram, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, and Imogen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Rubinstein, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London.

Mr C.A.S. Neilson and Miss C.A. Murray
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Colonel and Mrs W.G. Neilson, of Kelvedon, Essex, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mrs M.D. Murray, of Canterbury, Kent and Mr J.W. Murray, of Smarden, Kent.

Mr P.D. Newman and Miss C.E. Austin
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. Newman, of Stockport, Cheshire, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.J. Austin of Dummer, Hampshire.

Mr D. Oxnam and Miss A.L.M. Davy
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Oxnam, of Langham, and Alice Lorna Mary (Bobbi), youngest daughter of Mrs Patricia Davy, of Clare, Suffolk, and the late Major I.A.G. Davy.

Mr S.M. Pole and Miss J.M. Cannon
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs C.H. Pole, of Midsomer Norton, Bath, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Cannon, of Collingham, Newark.

Mr M.S.J. Sims and Miss F.G. Randolph
The engagement is announced between Melvyn, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Sims, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Felicity Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Randolph, of The Cloth Hall, Smarden, Kent.

Mr J.J.H. Slater and Miss A.G.M. Bloomer
The engagement is announced between Jardine, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Slater, of Cockermouth, Cumbria, and Angela, daughter of Mr A.E.M. Bloomer, of Farnham, Surrey, and Mrs E.E. Clinton, of Sway, Hampshire.

Mr N.R. Spray and Miss D.E. Bird
The engagement is announced between Nigel Richard, younger son of Mr Frank Spray, of Colby, Norfolk, and Mrs Jaqueline Spray, of Old Buckenham, Norfolk, and Deborah Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bird, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr B.C.J. Summerhayes and Miss K.D.M. Lees
The engagement is announced between Brian, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Summerhayes, of 6 Kingsmere Road, Wimbledon, and Diana, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Brian Lees, of The Old Rectory, Kenley, Shropshire, and London, W9.

Mr A.P. Watson and Miss J.M. Cohen
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of the late Mr Clive Watson and Mrs June Buswell, of West Horsley, Surrey, and Jacqueline, only child of the late Mr Henry Cohen and Mrs Rosalind Cohen, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr J.R. Whitehead and Miss P.L. Muntz
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs J.H. Whitehead, of Milford, Surrey, and Paula, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Muntz, of Bentley, Hampshire.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIMechE:

Mr W J Alexander, Burton-on-Trent; Mr J A Alanine Hull; Mr R Ashford, Redhill; Mr K N Batchelor, Rugby; Mr M B Benoy, London; Dr A Cummings, Hull; Mr E L Daman, New Jersey, United States; Mr F W Deane, Shalaao, Guadong, China; Mr P J Goodman, Stafford; Mr W R Graham, Saffron Walden; Professor P Hammond, Southampton; Mr J L Hemmiker-Healton, Bristol; Mr M J Jones, Norwich; Mr P J Kemp, London; Mr B Lawrence, Kidderminster; Mr C R S McCarthy, Swindon; Mr C R McChesney, Derby; Mr S J McGuigan, Swindon; Mr D A B Malcolm, Edinburgh; Mr H F Mather, Atlanta, Georgia, United States; Professor B Metliff, Birmingham; Mr K B Nair, Hong Kong; Air Commodore A S Nanda, Khamaria, Jabalpur, India; Dr B S Nau, Bedford; Mr K V Newton, Blackburn; Mr J A Pearson, Newbury; Group Captain D J Pugh, London; Rear Admiral W J Rourke, Barton, Australian Capital Territory, Australia; Mr M D Seymour, Sunbury-on-Thames; Mr D M S Simpson, OBE, London; Lieutenant-Colonel A F Stroud, Farnham; the Rev H R Smith, Nottingham; Mr C N Thomas, Fawley; Lieutenant-Colonel J A Woodall, BAOR, West Germany.

St Dunstan's College

Lent Term begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 23. Exeat being from February 15 to 17. Matthew Burton is head of school. The preparatory department's production of *The Hobbit* will be on March 16 and 17. The entrance and scholarship examinations will take place on Tuesday, February 2.

Grenville College

Boarders return to the school on January 7. Sir Peter Laurence has been elected Custos of this Woodard School in succession to Sir Gordon Shattock, who has been elected Divisional Bursar of the Western Division, Woodard Schools. The next school appeal meeting will be held at Moreton House, Bideford, on the morning of February 10. The meetings of the Western Division Chapter will take place at Barnstaple on March 10 and 11. Boarders' parents are invited to attend the last night of the school play, *HMS Pinafore* on March 23. Spring Term ends on March 24.

Marlborough College

Lent Term begins today. Dr R.W. Wilkinson, Head of General Studies, and Mrs H.C. Lawrence, Religious Education, join Common Room. James Cheshire (Barton Hill) becomes senior prefect and Guy Barker (B3) captain of school. Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury will be on February 28, Club day will be on March 5, when the Penny Reading will be a performance of *The Hired Man*. The orchestral concert will be on February 11 and the choral society concert on March 13. Exeat is from February 12 to 16 and term ends on March 18.

University news

London

Imperial College
The title of reader has been conferred on the following from October 1, 1987:
Dr E.L. Ortiz (mathematics); Dr J.K. Leggett (stratigraphy and tectonics); Dr M.N. Pavlovic (structural engineering); and Dr J.B. Newman (concrete structures).

UMIST
Dr Ron Kitching, reader in mechanical engineering at UMIST, has been appointed to a chair in pressure vessels and composite structures (mechanical engineering).



The Bishop of Croydon (left), Sir Sigmund Sternberg and the Speaker (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Speaker's secret prayer

By Clifford Longley

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, yesterday disclosed the secret of his equanimity in presiding over tumultuous debates in Parliament.

He quoted an old Red Indian prayer which he had placed over his bedroom mirror and which he said every morning: "Great Spirit, teach me not to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins."

He was speaking after the presention to him of an Inter-faith Medallion on behalf of the International Council of Christians and Jews at a ceremony at the Sternberg Centre, north London.

The presentation was made by the Bishop of Croydon, the Right Rev Wilfred Wood. Mr Weatherill is MP for Croydon North East and he has agreed to donate the £1,000 cheque which goes with the award, to the One World Charity he and the bishop are associated with in Croydon.

The presentation was attended by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Apostolic Pro Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, and representatives of various inter-faith organizations in Britain.

Mr Weatherill said his interest in inter-faith relations dated form his war-time service in the Indian Army.

Science report

Studying life around an undersea volcano

By a Special Correspondent

An active mud volcano has been discovered nearly 5,000 metres down in the Caribbean by scientists in the French submersible, *The Nautile*.

The discovery is important because it could lead to a better understanding of the phenomenon of subduction, and help to improve short-term prediction of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

M Xavier Le Pichon, director at the Laboratory of Geology at L'Ecole Normale Superieure, and M Jean Paul Foucher, a geophysicist at IFREMER, the French organization for civilian oceanography, led the expedition, which found the volcano about 400 kilometres east of Trinidad and Tobago.

The volcano is located at the end of what is, in effect, a vast plumbing system stretching along the coast of Venezuela. "We found an egg shaped mound of mud, about one kilometre in diameter and 20-30 metres thick, the surface of which was ribbed with concentric lines" said M Le Pichon.

Their temperature measurements suggest that the volcano is far from extinct. The water temperature so far down in the ocean averages just two degrees Centigrade. But two metres under the mud in the centre of the volcano the temperature was 21 degrees Centigrade.

Scientists believe these mud volcanoes are created when a few metres of the continental plate have slid under the ocean floor in a process known as subduction. Along the zone of subduction, sediments saturated with water are submitted to a tremendous pressure and are squeezed out as in the case of this mud volcano, which lies 30 kilometres away from the Barbados ridge.

The mound's surface is the site of intense animal life: colonies of clams, sponges, worms and sea anemones, concentrated in a few specific spots where there were rich deposits of minerals extruded by liquid swilling from the sediments, and they appear to be feeding on methane-eating bacteria.

According to M Le Pichon the more pressure exerted, the more fluids and sediments will be extruded so monitoring the behaviour of the colonies of animals that feed on the mud volcanoes could be a way of predicting earthquakes.

The link between volcanic activity and the existence of animal life at depths where the absence of sunlight would normally make it impossible were confirmed by a recent mission codenamed "Hydronaut" undertaken by The Nautile and the Thomas G Thompson, a science vessel belonging to the University of California.

The Hydronaut mission aims at a better understanding of the mechanism of this production of bacteria

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Joan of Arc, Domremy, 1412; Richard II, reigned 1377-99, Bordeaux, 1367; Jacques Etienne Montgolfier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; Heinrich Schliemann, archaeologist, Neubuchow, Germany, 1822; Gustave Doré, artist, Strasbourg, 1832; Max Bruch, composer, Cologne, 1838; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, Galesburg, Illinois, 1878.

DEATHS: Baldassare Peruzzi, architect, Rome, 1536; Fanny Burney, diarist and novelist, London, 1840; Gregor Mendel, monk and geneticist, Brünn, Austria, 1884; Louis Braille, founder of the reading system for the blind, Paris, 1852; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the USA 1901-09, Oyster Bay, New York, 1919; Victor Fleming, film director, Phoenix, Arizona, 1949.

Latest wills

Dr Peter Anthony Newton, of Norwich, Norfolk, iconographer and historian of medieval stained glass who became Mellon lecturer in British medieval art at York University, left estate valued at £106,106 net. He left his entire library to the university.

Elsie Rosaline Spruce, of York, left estate valued at £248,851 net. She left almost her entire estate to various charities, including York Against Cancer, St Leonard's Hospice, York, National Trust and Amnesty International.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Major Sir Guy Acland, RHA, to be Equerry to the Duke of Edinburgh, in succession to Major Rowan Jackson, RM, from August.

Sir Cyril Clarke, FRS, to be Chairman of the British Society for Research on Ageing, in succession to the late Professor J. G. Phillips, FRS.

OBITUARY

GENERAL SIR CHARLES JONES

Fearless fighting Sapper

General Sir Charles Jones, GCB, CBE, MC, who died on January 4, aged 81, was Chief Royal Engineer from 1967 to 1972; Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, from 1969 to 1975; and National President of the the Royal British Legion from 1970 to 1981.

During the 25 years following the end of the war, he was one of the few Sappers to reach high rank in command, as opposed to on the Staff.

Charles Phibbs Jones was born on June 29, 1906, and was educated at Portora Royal School, Enniskillen; the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich; and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read engineering.

He was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in 1925. The early years of his service were spent in India where he was from 1928 to 1934 with the Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners. There was no better way of acquiring a practical knowledge of military engineering, and Jones made full use of his opportunities.

He later passed into the Staff College and was Brigade Major of a Territorial infantry brigade in France in May 1940, on the eve of the German offensive.

In fierce fighting on the River Yser, he won an MC for his gallant conduct, during a desperate attempt to stem the German armoured thrust. Enemy tanks had broken through and were menacing brigade headquarters. With great coolness, he improvised defences from an anti-tank troop, and restored the situation, inducing the enemy to pull back for a while, thus buying precious time. Jones personally stopped two tanks in their tracks with well-aimed shots from an anti-tank rifle.

After a period at home, on the Staff, he went to France after D-Day as Chief Engineer of the Guards Armoured Division. With the Guards, and, subsequently, with XXX Corps, he took part in the advance to the Rhine, and the pursuit across it into the heart of Germany.



Immediately after the war he spent a short time as Chief of Staff Malaya Command and Brigadier General Staff Western Command, before going to the Imperial Defence College.

Thereafter his rise was rapid. He had the tough assignment of holding Jerusalem up to the moment of the British withdrawal from Palestine in 1948. From 1948 to 1950 he commanded an infantry brigade on police duties in Greece.

He was Director of Plans at the War Office in 1950, and from 1951 to 1953 commanded the famous 7th Armoured Division in the British Army of the Rhine. He went on, in 1954, to be Commandant of the Staff College, and from 1957 to 1958 was Vice-Adjutant-General.

After a brief period in Ankara as Director of the Central Treaty Organization Combined Planning Staff, he returned to BAOR, in 1960, as GOC I Corps. In 1962, he became GOC-in-C Northern Command in York, but after only one year in this most pleasant of Home Forces appointments in the British Army he went to the Army Council as Master-General of the Ordnance.

Jones was a strong and forceful personality with firmly-held views which he was never afraid to voice. When annoyed, or preparing to deliver some well-chosen rebuke, his bushy eyebrows would jut out alarmingly. He was a great extrovert, and whatever he undertook was carried out with tremendous enthusiasm.

Sometimes he landed in trouble with both feet, and a colossal splash – a trait which gave him his nickname, "Splosh" – but, more often than not, he was successful. He had all the Irishman's charm, gaiety and wit, but underlying it all was complete dedication to his profession.

He sincerely believed that soldiering was fun, and expected everyone to derive the same enjoyment from it that he did. Others did not always find this easy since few men were endowed with his seemingly inexhaustable capacity for work.

Jones was more a commander than a staff officer, but he nevertheless put his stamp on the many young officers who passed through his hands when he was Commandant of the Staff College.

He was ADC General to the Queen from 1965 to 1967, and Colonel Commandant Royal Engineers from 1961 to 1967.

He married, in 1934, Ouida Margaret Wallace, and they had two sons.

MR DOUGLAS WHITING

Mr Douglas Whiting, CBE, Director of Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), from 1962 until his retirement in 1973, died on January 3. He was 79.

When he went to VSO, Whiting inherited from his predecessor – the visionary founder of the service, Alec Dickson – an organization which had mobilized the idealism and skills of the young in the service of the needy overseas. Whiting's tenure saw a dramatic sevenfold increase in the number of volunteers, especially among graduates, and he also encouraged an increasingly professional approach to their training.

Douglas Harold Whiting was born on April 18, 1908. He read mathematics at Oxford (where he was described as a genial all-rounder), and became a schoolmaster, first, in South Africa, and then at Winchester, and at Wellington.

In 1939, he became headmaster of the large English School, in Cairo, where he remained throughout the war. There he had to get used to two things, and quickly – it was his first experience of a co-education school; and he had among his charges children of all faiths and races. It was a formative time for him, and it fitted him well for his later work at VSO. On his departure from Egypt he was appointed OBE.

He returned to this country in 1948, and pursued his support for British interests abroad as an officer of the British Council; but he soon returned to his real *métier*, becoming headmaster of Cirencester Grammar School and, later, of Cheadle Hulme School.

In 1962, however, he left teaching behind to become director of VSO. To his work there he brought energy, humanity, a flair for administration, and practical leadership. He drew people to him, especially the young, whom he fired with his own enthusiasm.

At this time he lost his wife, Kay, and, while continuing his VSO work, he brought up his two young sons.

His retirement, in the West Country, was not idle. He served on Civil Service Commission selection boards, and was a governor of the Alexandria Schools Trust and Chairman of the Lloyd Foundation – bodies which pay for the education of children whose ex-patriate parents are in financial straits.

On a casual meeting, Douglas Whiting appeared diffident and shy. His Christian faith was the inspiration for all that he did, and he had an intuitive regard for those in need.

He enjoyed a second happy marriage, to Rosemary Esch, a painter. She survives him with a son from the first marriage (the other son died before him) and a son from the second.

SIR JOHN DEAN

Sir John Dean, who died yesterday, at the age of 88, was an industrialist who spent most of his life in the rubber industry, in which he had long been a recognized leader, particularly in the areas of thermoplastics and submarine cables.

He had an imaginative mind, steeped in chemistry, and made significant contributions to the scientific knowledge of rubber manufacture. As a result, he played an important role in the invention of polythene cable, and worked closely with the Americans during the mid-1950s in the laying of a multi-channel long-distance telephone cable across the Atlantic.

John Norman Dean was born in London on December 13, 1899, and was educated at Felsted. He was still in his teens when, during the First World War, he became a pilot, serving both in the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Air Force.

His subsequent career was very much of his own making. He joined the Telegraph Construction & Maintenance Co. Ltd., known throughout industry as Telcon, in 1922, as a research assistant with the old Gutta Percha Company, a post which was offered to him after graduating in chemistry from King's College.

He became Telcon's chief chemist. Then he took an interest in production, becoming technical manager. In 1945, he became technical director of Telcon, and a director of its associated company, Submarine Cables, Ltd., at a time when submarine cable was assumed (wrongly, as it emerged) to be a declining industry.

Within the year, Dean was managing director. His company connections were wide ranging throughout the electrical and electronics field. He remained until 1964, when he went as assistant to the president of the American General Cable Corporation. He never ceased to learn, and to apply the fruits of his learning. He retired from industry in 1969.

He was also a founder member of the British Institute of Management, and a Companion member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. He was President of the Institution of the Rubber Industry in 1959.

In retirement, Dean took to farming in Kent, and his herd of pedigree Ayrshire cattle won him prizes in local shows.

He was three times married, and is survived by his third wife, Isabel Bothwell-Thomson. The son of his first marriage died before him.

MR GWYNNE WALTERS

Mr David Gwynne Walters, perhaps the best known and certainly the most easily recognised of Wales's post-war rugby union referees, died on New Year's Day, at the age of 59.

He represented the best kind of rugby referee, believing that the laws of the game are there for the guidance of wise men rather than the strict adherence of fools. He handled 21 internationals – the first in 1959, the last in 1966 – during a period when the televising of rugby was increasing.

He therefore became readily recognized, partly because he was physically a very small man whose lack of inches was emphasized by the big players who surrounded him; partly because he was always a dapper dresser, frequently appearing in a striped blazer or a long cricket sweater.

But he always dispensed a calm authority, never more so than in the game in Paris between France and South Africa, in 1961. When war seemed about to break out between the opposing forwards, Walters threatened to send the players off one by one until only he was left. The players knew that he would have done so, and the result was a hardly-, but fairly-contested 0-0 draw.

He was a finance adviser to several leading companies in Wales, and business restricted his administrative involvement in the game. He became treasurer of the Llanelli club in the early 1980s, and was always a "forward thinker" about the game, in which he became a qualified referee when he was only eighteen.

He leaves a widow, Janet, and two sons.

MR BERNARD HAILSTONE

Dr Joan Thirsk writes:

Your account of Bernard Hailstone's career (December 31) omits to mention his remarkably courageous and imaginative venture in his native village of Hadlow, Kent, in preserving Hadlow Castle from complete destruction in 1951.

While the building was being torn down by a demolition contractor (though the Gothic tower, was protected by a preservation order), he intervened to buy the property, thus saving the stables and domestic buildings, as well as the parkland.

Mlle LILY LASKINE

Mlle Lily Laskine, French harpist, died in a Paris nursing home on January 4. She was 94.

She gave her first public concert at the age of twelve, and four years later became the first woman harpist at the Paris Opéra, of which she remained a member until 1926.

Her international career began in 1934 and included concerts in London, Rome, Brussels, and Amsterdam. She was professor of the harp at the Paris Conservatoire from 1948 to 1958.

She was best known for her interpretations of Mozart; and in 1937, at the Salzburg Music Festival, she gave a landmark performance of his concerto for flute and harp. In later years she recorded many interesting works by lesser known composers, and she was a dedicatee of Roussel's only work for solo harp, his Impromptu opus 86.

Mlle Laskine performed in public when well into her eighties.

The picture which accompanied yesterday's obituary of M Gaston Eyskens was, in fact, a picture of his son, M Marc Eyskens.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But the Lord is my defence: and my God is the rock of my refuge.
Psalm 94 : 22

BIRTHS

ATKINS - On January 3rd, at Q.E.2 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, to Pamela and Richard, a son, James Gordon John.

BARNARD - On December 28th, in Bristol, to Hilary (née Stride) and Jonathan a second son (Nicholas Henry).

BREEDEN - On December 27th, to Sally (née Lindesay-Bethune) and Peter, a daughter Rosie a sister for Alexander, Jamie and Bendandis.

BURDETT - On January 4th 1988, in Johannesburg to Lucy (Née Fegen) and Simon, a daughter, Kitty (Katherine Mildred), a sister for Chloe and Jonathan.

BUXTON - On January 2nd, to Patrick and Margot, a son, Richard Patrick Charlton, a half-brother for Victoria.

CAMES - On January 4th 1988, to Karen (née Higgs) and Eric a son Adam Alexander a brother for Daniel.

CANTACUZINO - see Rowell

COID - On December 6th, in Kirkcaldy to Susan and Donald, a daughter, Joanna Fleur Julia.

DICKINSON - On January 4th, to Caroline (née Firth) and David, a daughter, Edith Rosamund.

DOYNE-DITMAS - On December 31st, to Fiona (née Saunders) and Michael a son Harold, Henry, James and a daughter Alice, Sophia.

EVANS - On January 3rd, at The Matilda Nursing Home, Hong Kong, to Sara (nee Hutton) and Chris, a son, Jonathan David Wallace.

GOWTHORPE - On December 28th, to Catherine (née Shoveton) & Brian of Lancashire, a son, Alexander Robert.

HITCHCOCK - On December 23rd, in Singapore to Corinne (née Fuirer) and Paul, a son, Benjamin Charles.

HOWIESON - On December 30th, to Deborah (née Ferreira of Somerset Massachusetts) and Andrew a son Christian Alexander and a daughter Ashleigh Avelina.

HUNTER JOHNSTON - On December 22nd, to Elizabeth (née Robinson) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucy Harriet Elizabeth, a sister for Katherine.

JONES - On New Year's Day, at Aberdeen Hospital, to Karen (née Stace) and Gary, a son, Robert Benjamin.

LYDDON - On December 29th, in Cognac to Susie (née Arnold) and Jonathan a son, Alexander James William, a brother for Catriona.

MONTY - On December 27th 1987, to Carolyn (née Tanner) and Guy, a son, Alastair James Rushton, a brother for Miles.

NEWMARCH - On January 3rd 1988 at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton to Catherine (née Williams) and Bernard, a daughter, Elizabeth, a sister for Hannah and Mary.

NORTHCROFT-BROWN - On December 30th to Valerie (née Johnson) and Michael, a son, James Hugo.

PALMER - On December 29th, at St. Mary's, Manchester, to Carol (née Grovenor) and Michael, a daughter, Sophie.

ROWELL - On January 2nd, to Ilinca and Martin, a daughter Alice.

SENIOR - On December 17th, to Jane and Andrew, a son Philip James Wood.

SHALES - On January 4th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Susan (née Thornley) and Christopher, a son, Anthony Owen John, a brother for Matthew.

SOUTHALL - On December 30th, to Linda (née Marshall) and Geoffrey, a son, Henry Michael, a brother to Alice Mary.

SQUIRES - On January 2nd, to Audrey (née Meares) and Rick, a daughter Charlotte Elizabeth, a sister for Chloe.

SUTTLE - On New Years Day, in Dorchester to Rosemary (née Warren) and Stephen a son Jonathan Hugh Pullman.

WALKER - On December 11th, at University College Hospital, London to Susan (Née Emms) and Timothy, a son James Michael Garrad.

MARRIAGES

HOLLINGSHEAD-OSTERLIND - The marriage between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs F W Hollingshead of London SW11 and Amy, daughter of Mr and Mrs J Osterlind of Long Island, New York, took place at E. Patchogue, Long Island on 5th December 1987.

IRONSIDE-HEINBECKER - On January 2nd 1988, in St. Louis, Missouri, Alastair King Ironside, of Newcastle Upon Tyne, to Mary Michele Heinbecker of St. Louis.

DEATHS

AYLWARD - On January 3rd 1988, peacefully, Edmund Campion. Dear husband of Alice, much loved father and grandfather. Requiem mass at Holy Family Church, Ince Blundell, at 12 noon on Thursday 7th January.

BAILEY - On January 2nd, in hospital, Isabel (née Leslie), dearly loved wife and friend of Gordon, and mother of Charles. Memorial service at Hampsthwaite Parish Church on Saturday January 16th at 11.30 am. No flowers, but donations in memory of Mrs Bailey will be received at the church, for the Church Fund and the Parkinson's Disease Society.

BALDWIN - On December 31st, peacefully after a brave fight, Sheila Margaret Owen, née Pettitt, (SMDP), beloved wife of Eric. Funeral service at 11 am on Friday January 8th at St. George's Parish Church, Beckenham, followed by cremation at Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund, Fulham Road, SW3 6JJ.

BAPTIST - On October 28th 1987, at 95 Perry Hill, Catford, Desmond Baptist. To all friends and colleagues, just to inform you of the sad loss of our brother.

BOURKE - On January 4th, Lois MacLeod, wife of the late Brig. L.E. Bourke of Chettle, Dorset. Funeral Service at Chettle on Friday, January 8th at 2.30pm.

BRIMBLE - On January 3rd, suddenly at home, at Doddiscombsleigh Devon, Morwenna, loving wife and mother of Brian, Sam and Jennie. Details of Memorial Service to follow.

BUTTROSE - On December 31st, in Australia, Jean Marie wife of the late Mr Justice Murray Buttrose and mother of Murray (Argentina).

COLLIER - On January 2nd 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Jean Marjery, beloved wife of Stewart and dearly loved mother of Naomi. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Monday January 11th, at Chichester Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to St. Barnabas Home, Columbia Drive, Worthing, W. Sussex.

CAMPBELL - On December 31st, 1987, peacefully at St. Leonards Hospital, Ferndown, Jean Linda Dennistoun, of Wimborne in her 96th year. Funeral Service will be held at North Cemetery, Bournemouth, on Friday, 8th January at 1 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to League of Friends, St. Leonard's Hospital may be sent to F. C. Douch and Son, Funeral Directors, 3 The Square, Wimborne, Dorset. Telephone: 0202 882956.

COLLINS - On January 2nd, peacefully in Churchill Hospital, Oxford, aged 63, Daphne, wife of Patrick, mother of Roger, mother in law of Mary and Grandmother of Anne and William. So deeply loved. Funeral service at 1pm Monday, January 11th at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to The Margaret Centre, Whelpley Close Hospital, Leytonstone, London E11 or The Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal.

GLEADOW - On Christmas Day 1987, Edmund Frank, beloved husband of Mona and father of Nicolas, Vanessa and Timothy.

GLYNN - On January 4th, peacefully in her 90th year, Evelyn Margaret, widow of Lt. Col. R.T.W. Glynn M.C., R.A. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington at 12.30 on Friday January 8th. Enquiries to E. Taylor & Son, Corbett Road, Carterton, Burford.

GODSON - On Monday December 28th, peacefully, aged 90, ever the gentleman, Major Robert William (R.E.M.E. retired) of Clanfield, Hants. Cremation at Porchester at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 13th January. Family flowers only.

HARPER - On January 2nd, peacefully in hospital Ernest Leonard of Hove, Sussex, much loved husband of the late Ethel Louise "Mur" beloved father of Doreen, Gerald and the late Allan and much loved grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton on Monday January 11th at 12.30 ish. Floral tributes may be sent to Masters and Son, Lindfield, West Sussex.

HEARD - On Sunday January 3rd, 1988, suddenly but peacefully at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Julia Dawson, beloved wife of Joseph Frederick Heard. Kings Gate, Aberdeen, formerly of Bath Road, Slough.

HOUGHTON - On Friday January 1st 1988, peacefully in Hinchingbrooke Hospital Huntingdon Cambs. Wilfred aged 86 years of Hemingford Grey Cambs, late of the Sudan. Beloved husband of Edith and brother of Gladys. Sadly missed by all his family. Funeral service at St. James Church, Hemingford Grey on Wednesday January 13th at 2pm. Followed by Cremation at Cambridge.

JONES - On January 4th, peacefully at Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, General Sir Charles Jones G.C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Funeral at Amesbury Church on Monday 11th January at 3.30 pm. followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Royal British Legion. A memorial service will be held in London on a date to be announced.

KEMP - On December 26th 1987, peacefully at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Mary Emma Lilian (née Tattersall) beloved wife of Kenneth.

KENNEDY - On January 5th, at St. Luke's, Oxford, Margaret Mary. Funeral service 2 pm on Tuesday January 12th at St. Michael and All Angel, Lonsdale Road, Oxford and afterwards at Oxford Crematorium. No letters or flowers but donations to Cancer Research Campaign. Committee for Cancer Research, 33 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6DB.

LEADLAY - On December 24th 1987, Kenneth Rupert Simson Lt. Cmdr. R.N. (Retired) Suddenly in Cambridge aged 74. Greatly loved husband of Ellen Theresa (Pat) father of Brian, Peter and Sheila and grandfather of Francesca, Simon, Louisa, Nicholas and Serena. All enquiries to A.G. Pratley Funeral Directors 86 New Broadway, Worthing. 0903 209366.

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LEVIN - On December 24th 1987, Shirley Patricia, of Tern, Wellington, Shropshire and 15 Leinster Mews, W2. Beloved wife of Michael and mother of Joanne and Richard. Funeral took place on 27th December.

LOWE on December 29th 1987, peacefully in St. Francis' hospice, Daniel Philip much loved as husband, father and grandfather. Private family funeral today.

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PHILIPS - On January 1st, 1988, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Frank Philip Phillips, aged 80 years, of Ringmer, Sussex. Funeral service Monday January 11th, The Downs Crematorium, Brighton at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Bennett Funeral Services, Phoenix Causeway, Lewes, Sussex. Tel: Lewes 480270.

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SOMERVILLE - On January 2nd, 1988, peacefully in hospital in Hove, after a long illness borne with fortitude and dignity, Alice Douglas aged 85. Dearly loved husband of Jean and father of Graham. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Friday January 15th, at 3.00pm. Donations to the Hove Civic Society in lieu of flowers, c/o Hemmingfolds Funeral Directors Ltd., 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex Tel: 0273 778733.

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THOMPSON - On December 27th, peacefully at Pembury Hospital following a stroke, F.M. Thompson (Tommy), late of Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank. He leaves two sons who will remember the kindest of fathers. Funeral private, family flowers only. Communications to J. M. Thompson, Broadwater House, 46 Broadwater Down, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5PE.

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WHITING - On New Years Day, peacefully in Canterbury after a short illness, Geoffrey Strickland (Potter) aged 68 years. Beloved husband of Alane, father of Angela, Jennifer and David. Memorial service in Canterbury Cathedral, Tuesday February 2nd 1988 at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to the Woodland Trust, Autumn Park, Grantham Lincs.

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WILSON - On January 2nd 1988, peacefully in her sleep at Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, Constance Louise, Widow of John St. George Wilson late of Liverpool. Beloved mother of Susan, Michael, Gordon and David and much loved grandmother. Cremation Tuesday 12th January at 11.45am at West Chapel, Reading Crematorium, All Hallows Road, Caversham, Berks. No flowers please. Donations to Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 Kings Road, Wimbledon, SW19 8QN.

YOUNG - On January 5th, at home, West Down House, Budleigh Salterton, in her 92nd year, Hope MacLellan, widow of F.T. Clive and mother of Michael (R.I.A. 1941), Biff and Robin. A much loved grandmother, great-grandmother. Funeral at All Saints Church, East Budleigh on Friday, January 8th at 2.30 pm.

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THE ARTS

Murder in the cutting room

Devout followers of Ruth Rendell no doubt emitted whines of astonishment at the changes made to her novel *The Face of Trespass* in BBC1's intelligent if psychologically limiting film version.

Perhaps, not surprisingly though, one of the first casualties in the story about Gray Lanceton, a novelist obsessed with his ex-mistress, was his comically named novel, "The Wine of Astonishment".

Some of the alterations in Michael Baker's screenplay were nominal. The whole thing was now called *An Affair in Mind*, Lanceton got a new surname and the act name of his two-faced married lover Drusilla Janns was made her invention. Others were more crucial.

TELEVISION

In the 1974 book, Gray was a long-haired impoverished drop-out living in squalor in a borrowed cottage. The film had Stephen Dillon playing him as an Eighties style generation smoothie down to his last word processor and answering machine in a designer windmill conversion.

The only discernable difference in his appearance between the flashbacks of his affair with Dru (Amanda Donohoe) and his despairing isolation was a hint of stubble.

An undisguiseable packet casually thrown by Dru at Gray seemed to cope with the problem of updating so casual a sexual encounter to the present day.

Gray's materialism, however, deprived the film of much of Rendell's fine portrayal of the psychological obsession of an impoverished man and Dru was even more a cypher of an adulterous rich *femme fatale*.

The actors and director Colin Lake, though, successfully compensated for these limitations and Baker, with help from the word processor and answering machine, cleverly overcame some of the shaky contrivances of the plot and added some witty touches like making the dog belong to an ex-wife.

The end, however, was puzzling. We were shown the accident which in the book so unsatisfactorily produced from out of a coma a witness to clear belatedly the framed Gray, but the witness was apparently left on the cutting room floor.

Instead, in this TV version, the word processor tantalizingly produced the evidence to clear his name out of view of the police.

Andrew Hislop

The reptile strikes back

Humorist P.J. O'Rourke is being hailed as America's funniest new writer. Chris Peachment met him

The confessions, adventures, essays and other outrages of P.J. O'Rourke arrive on these shores garlanded with the sort of praise guaranteed to turn any humorist glassy-eyed and to make him reach for a stiff Glenfiddich: "S.J. Perelman on acid," says Christopher Buckley; "The funniest American writer since Thurber," says Tom Sharpe. Try living up to that.

Buyers of *Republican Party Reptile* (O'Rourke's description of his own true self), his first collection of essays to be published in Britain, can rest assured however; he is very funny. He makes me laugh out loud when I'm reading him alone; he makes me laugh out loud when I'm reading him in company; he even makes the companion laugh when I read him aloud.

As with Evelyn Waugh, I can see why he makes me laugh, but I can't see why he makes me laugh so much. Analysis of any humour, however, is always a deadly business. If there is anything less funny that Freud's famous essay explaining jokes, it is probably Bergson's theories on why we laugh.

In the flesh he is a very proper sort of fellow. Clean, decent haircut, button-down clothes, holds his knife and fork properly, definitely the sort you could take home to mother. He knows the rules of conversation, he laughs politely in all the right places and is a Republican to boot. This is undoubtedly why he can get away with writing essays about *How to Drive Fast on Drugs and Not Spill Your Drink*, and other activities too perverse to mention in a family newspaper. All my old friends with some vestigial liberal feelings find themselves laughing at his essays in spite of themselves.

He used to be a hippie just like everyone else, but managed his Road to Damascus experience sufficiently early for it not to have damaged his prose style. "I was in Baltimore," he explains, "running what we were pleased to call an 'underground' newspaper. Underground? The cops would bust us, but never for sedition, just marijuana. We were anti-war, anti-capitalist, the usual thing, but we were also funny, which didn't please the Radicals too much.

"One day this bunch of 30 guys came into the office with sticks and knives. They called themselves the Balto-Cong, sort of Baltimore's equivalent of the Vietcong, and they had come to, you know, liberate us. This involved taking each of us upstairs and screaming at us that we were all running dog lackeys of capitalist pigs and so on. They wanted to liberate the paper.

"We couldn't explain to them that all they had liberated was an office with a lot of rent arrears and a $10,000 debt. After they had all gone, it fell to me and the staff photographer to guard the office each night, simply because we had a pistol each. He, it turned out, was an undercover cop who had been planted on us. The trouble was that when we discovered this, we realized that we all liked him a lot better than the Balto-Cong. And he liked us too. So he quit the cops and we all cut our hair and got jobs."

After growing up, he moved to New York, and began writing as a freelance. "I even wrote pornography. It only paid $25 per thousand words, and it played hell with your private life. 'Er, not tonight darling, I've had a hard day, and I'm also sick to my stomach.'" He joined the *National Lampoon* in 1973, and rose through the ranks to become its managing editor before leaving in 1981. He is now billed on the *Rolling Stone* masthead as their "international affairs desk chief", which he invented because it sounded cute. In fact he is their "investigative humorist".

The main point about his writing though is that it tells the truth. His account of a trip to Russia is the most accurate description I have ever read of the forgotten of God. Few foreign correspondents seem brave enough to tell you that the Russians are a manic depressive race, born three stiff vodkas under par, who live in a country of staggering imaginative poverty, but who are yet more interesting than the witless lefties from the West who go there and ask questions about their Gross National Product and praise hydroelectric dam schemes.

His is the sort of truth which newspaper men tell each other in the hotel bar at ten of an evening, but not to their readers. "It was that Russian trip which convinced me I should concentrate on foreign stories. I thought 'Wow, here is a whole new world' and you don't need to be funny about it. It's funny as hell in itself. You just run the tape and transcribe it all."

He tells the truth about the Philippines too, in an essay entitled *Goons Guns and Gold*. "Ferdinand Marcos is a vicious lying dirtball who ought to have been dragged through the streets of Manila with his ears nailed to a truck bumper." This is a sentiment often thought but ne'er so well expressed.

O'Rourke belongs to that long line of American humorists who have at least one thing in common; good magazines to nurture them and give them time, money and space to pursue their neuroses at length. *Playboy, Esquire, Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone, Car and Driver* are just some of his long list of outlets. Times, however, are changing.

"*Esquire* used to be a wonderful magazine. Now it runs articles like: 'What men feel about their sisters'. It even has a sub-title on the cover: 'For men at their best'." Well we don't want any of that do we? What we want is men at their worst. "Damn right," says O'Rourke. "Give me guns and fast cars and girls in leather. I want men at their most *beastly*." He plans to go to Beirut soon. That should do the trick.

Republican Party Reptile is published by Picador at £3.50

Ros Drinkwater



Investigative humorist O'Rourke: "Give me guns and fast cars and girls in leather"

A leap to stardom

At 19, French ballerina Sylvie Guillem was nominated as *Etoile*. Today she dances *Giselle* with the Royal Ballet and becomes the youngest guest star: John Percival reports

Ros Drinkwater



Sylvie Guillem: love of gymnastics led her to the Paris Opera

When Sylvie Guillem dances *Giselle* with the Royal Ballet today and tomorrow she will be, at 22, the youngest guest star the company has ever engaged, breaking the record set by Rudolf Nureyev almost 26 years ago. Nureyev, her boss at the Paris Opera, will be partnering her and is largely responsible for her invitation.

Guillem's rise to international acclaim has been unusually fast even by the standards of the Ballet l'Opera, where she joined the Corps de Ballet at age 16 in 1981. At the end of her first season the company came to London and she was in *La Sylphide*, "but hardly more than a walker on", she says, so this is not quite her first time on the Covent Garden stage.

Her original ambition was to be a gymnast. "I began gymnastics as soon as I could walk. At 11 years old I had a teacher who sent me to a ballet course at the Opera to improve my gymnastics. There it was suggested that I should become a dancer. I had to choose; gymnastics or dance. I chose to dance. Why? Because of the stage, because of the audience, the whole appeal of the theatre."

Her theatricality, coupled with an amazingly pliant body and a technique that does not know the meaning of the word difficulty, very quickly made her noticed. At 18, she danced her first classical solo, in Nureyev's *Raymonda* and had her first creative role, in William Forsythe's *France/Dance*. She also found time to win the gold medal in the junior category of the Varna International Dance competition (the Kirov Ballet's young star Farukh Ruzimatov got a silver).

It was in 1984 that Guillem's career really took off. Among a series of contrasted parts, I remember being especially struck by her in a programme at the Theatre des Champs-Elysées which gave her two widely different leading roles; her first encounter with Balanchine's classicism in the Mozart *Divertmento No.15* and a fiercely modern part in Rudi van Dantzig's *No Man's Land*.

Promotion with the hierarchy of the Paris Ballet is by open competition. Every contestant dances two solos. A jury awards them votes within their class, marks are added for achievement during the year, and the outcome determines who gets the vacancies. Guillem confesses that she was terrified each time. But that did not prevent her from going up one step every year, reaching the rank of principal dancer in the most fiercely contested bout for years, on Christmas Eve 1984.

Five days later she danced her first *Swan Lake* and was taken completely by surprise when Nureyev came on stage during the curtain calls for the public announcement that she had been nominated as *Etoile*, joining the small group of officially recognized stars who hold a privileged position for the rest of their careers. She was still only 19.

From that point the guest engagements began; invitations to Berlin, Florence, Milan, and to star in Roland Petit's *Notre Dame de Paris* with his own company. There was also an enormous range of roles at the Opera. All the guest choreographers wanted her in their ballets; Karole Armitage, Lucinda Childs, Nils Christe, Maurice Bejart, John Neumeier. Jerome Robbins mounted his *In Memory Of . . .* specially for her.

Entirely contemporary in appearance and manner off stage, *Giselle* is not the work one would most obviously associate her with and, in fact, she has not yet danced it in Paris.

"The first time I was offered the role, I turned it down. Partly because I was preparing my first Juliet at the same time and wanted to concentrate on that; but partly too because if you want to be able to dance that role well at the end of your career, you have to be very careful how you approach it."

So how has she found her present approach to it? "From Rudolf I have danced it on tour always with him. I learned the role first from Yvette Chauvire (in her time the unrivalled French interpreter of the part) and I read all I could about it and studied pictures. But when you dance with Rudolf, he is such a complete person on stage that you find yourself wanting only to respond to him. It's like a conversation; you answer what he does."

It sounds a good start for a role she obviously plans to be dancing and developing in two decades from now.

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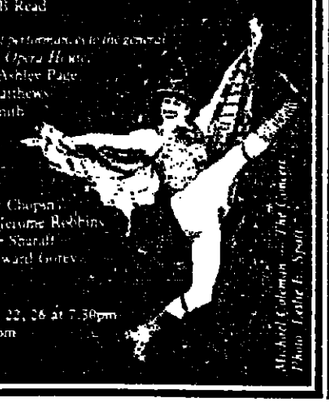
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THEATRE

Love off the Shelf

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In a glorious salute to popular fiction, literary snobs will readily identify with its starting point in which a blocked biographer decides to try his hand at a true romance. Simultaneously, his research assistant embarks on one of her own, so there are two sets of dewy heroines and insufferably arrogant lovers competing for possession of Sarah-Jane McClelland's heart-shaped stage.

The book and exceedingly deft lyrics are by Roger Hall and A.K. Grant, from whose hands the set up releases a gusher of comic ideas. First, the two romancers have to learn the rules, and you see them inventing hopeless partnerships before settling on a torrid Caribbean adventure and an agency secretary breaking down the reserve of a moody genius.

Then the characters (who know the rules better than their authors) are not to be pushed around. The eye-fluttering Lucinda (a peach of a performance from Sarah Maur-Thorp) tells her creator exactly where to get off when he tries to strip her down to the buff in the opening scene.

Meanwhile, as these romances develop, the authors are unwittingly engaged in a romance of their own, with many a wounding setback along the way. "My darling", exclaims John (Barry James) to the rapture of his fellow scribe (Marilyn Cutts); and then unveils the word-processor that has stolen his heart.

Philip Norman's score is beautifully integrated with this line in affectionate satire: sometimes projecting the romance of old musical comedy, quick with comic burlesque and local colour, and rising to the task of storytelling.

Irving Wardle

Using a hammer to crack a nut

DANCE

Thanks to Tchaikovsky, *The Nutcracker* is popular out of all proportion to its dramatic or choreographic merits. For many companies, London Festival Ballet included, its annual revival is an economic necessity, guaranteed to bring full houses that help sustain the rest of the year.

In the circumstances, the chief response must be one of awed admiration at the way the dancers go on looking cheerful and enthusiastic, in spite of having to repeat roles of often limited interest for weeks on end and often twice a day.

I must say that I find Peter Schaufuss's production no more enjoyable this year than when new last season. Even if I avoid direct comparison with Nureyev's much more logical and musical version, which I saw last week in both Paris and Milan, it has to be said that Schaufuss's staging stands in a class of its own for distortion of the music and sheer muddle-headed mangling of the plot.

For musical pleasure, the production at La Scala (conducted by Michel Sasson) was streets ahead; but Festival Ballet's orchestra played bravely, if not often with much finesse, under Andrew Mogrelia on Monday night. Unfortunately, there was not a lot of finesse about most of the dancing either.

Milan had Evelyne Desutter ideally cast and in superb form as guest ballerina, partnered by Nureyev. Apart from them, I find it difficult to believe that, dancer for dancer, the company at La Scala is stronger than the Festival Ballet. Yet they looked it, and only partly because of the benefit of better constructed, more stylish and inventive choreography.

Their chief assets are togetherness and polish; Festival seems temporarily to have abandoned those qualities for slap-bang vigour, even from Patrick Armand in the big *pas de deux*. He partnered Christine Camillo, not ideally fine enough in feature or physique, but strong and clear in movement. Incidentally, isn't it odd to lower the lights for this dance, which should be the ballet's glittering climax?

Many of the male dancers would look better for some tonsorial attention, and the otherwise delectable Trinidad Sevillano in the juvenile lead, should be ashamed of her dirty, sloppy shoes.

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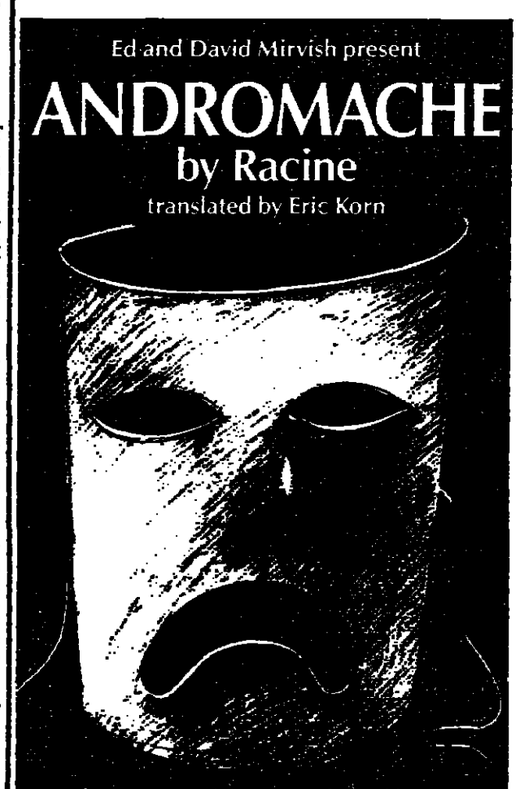
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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Ladies' day in the killing fields

An unsuitable sport for a woman? Caroline Phillips discovers why some hunt and shoot for pleasure

Photographs by John Manning



'Pheasant shooting? It's a bit naughty, but I suppose it is the thrill of seeing them drop from the sky'

Sue Smith

Sue Smith first went shooting 20 years ago, when she was seven. Her father, a gunsmith, took her on a duck shoot. At 10, she was given her first gun, "a 28-bore, the next size up from a 410". She went pigeon shooting.

Then she started deer-stalking. "I got my first roebuck at 12," she says. "I've got a picture of it." In the following years she shot fallow deer, then red stags. Now she shoots pheasant and rabbits, too.

Smith, who works for a gunsmith as a professional gun finisher, is a crack shot. She is also anti those who are anti-blood sports, although she finds their views acceptable if they are vegetarians.

"Most of them are just rent-a-gang, student recruits paid £15 a day to disrupt things."

To those genuinely concerned about creatures' suffering, she says: "An animal in an abattoir suffers far more because it knows it is going to be killed. When you stalk a deer, for instance, it doesn't even know you are there." Occasionally, she concedes, a bird gets wounded. "But it is picked up instantly."

She never feels upset about killing. "What? With the things I have to do as part of my work? Gutting rabbits, skinning them, gralloching [gutting] deer and butchering them?" Her father has started up an oven-ready enterprise.

She derives immense pleasure from her sports. "I love being in the open air and getting exercise." Duck shooting is her favourite.



'It's conservation — and the fox has an equal chance'

Rosemary Cleverdon

"It's the atmosphere out there on the marshes, when there are just three of you shooting in the dark. It's freezing, and then you come back to a lovely fire." As far as pheasant shooting is concerned, she says: "It's a bit naughty, but I suppose it is the thrill of seeing them drop from the sky."

And rabbits? "You sit in clumps of grass or little hollows to get out of the wind and it's fun because of the element of surprise."

Rosemary Cleverdon, the 49-year-old Joint Master of the West Street Hunt, also enjoys the element of surprise. "We only get about one in every 25 foxes; they're terribly crafty."

A former secretary in South Africa, she has been hunting for 15 years. "It's exciting to see a pack work their way through a wood on the line of the fox. When they find a fox, the adrenalin gets going and the chase is rather fun." She says it gives her something to look forward to when everyone else is dreading winter.

The hunt takes out approximately 15½ couples of hounds — "you talk about hounds in 'couples' and always take out an odd number" — twice weekly from November to mid-March. In season, she probably dedicates about 25 hours a week to hunting.

With the other two Masters, she has to "draw covers" (put the hounds into woods to try to find the fox) and decide where the hunt should go. She also has to obtain permission from the farmers, build a jump occasionally, organize fundraising events, visit the kennels, exercise her horses Mish and Dudley, and go to "masses of meetings".

As Joint Master of the hunt, she maintains charge of the "field" when they "move off" (tells them where to go), and talks their way out of sticky situations if, for example, the hounds chase sheep or go into a garden.

She is not paid for her work; she pays a subscription to the hunt and contributes towards drinks at the meet. She estimates that a season's hunting in her area costs at least £1,000.

"A good coat costs about £800 and you pay around £250 for handmade leather boots," she adds.

The hunt expects to kill "10 brace of foxes" in a season. It is, she feels, the fairest and cleanest way to keep the animals down.

"It's a way of conservation — it is a service for the farmers — and the fox has an equal chance. Unlike shooting, you cannot just wound the animal.

"Fortunately," she says, "we haven't had too much trouble from the antis."

Betty McKeever, an 86-year-old great grandmother and Master of the Blean beagles, says she had a "helluva" time with them last season.

One of them — "some darned chap called Hey Ho or something" — apparently gave them an awful "pasting". In the subsequent chase, a policeman broke his ankle and had to be "carried off the field of battle." One day she was arrested.

As a matter of policy, she says she won't allow "fisticuffs". One of her fellow beaglers, she explains, disguises himself as a tree and watches out for people who squirt the hounds with acid.

Despite a recent hip replacement and failing eyesight, this season she has followed the hounds, walking for more than one and a half miles and has had a "ripping" time.

McKeever's mastership dates from 1909, when her father gave her some beagles. She has been in the parish almost all her life — she now lives in a part-13th century farmhouse with a pet bat.

As Master, she is responsible for the hounds' upkeep. "I feed 'em on bibles [bullocks' stomachs]." They hunt from September — "as soon as we can get on the corn land" — until March.

McKeever has a huntsman and two or three amateur whips on a Saturday. On Thursdays, a doctor, who is "supposed to be the best nuclear physicist in the world or something", hunts the pack.

It is, says McKeever, an elderly or really young person's sport. Three gentlemen in their seventies always go out with her.

She explains her enjoyment: "For a kick-off, you are in different country every time: Lovely woods, huge arable lands or marsh country." Beagling is very social, too, she says. On Boxing Day they meet at the Brewery, "all free drinks".

If beagling is made illegal, she says firmly that she will move with her pack to Ireland. She doesn't like killing anything unnecessarily but, she says, the hares damage fruit trees and are otherwise hunted by the fox, shot or snared.

"I never feel guilty about killing them. I don't think they think the way Beatrix Potter made out."

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Victoria, Albert & Elizabeth the first

How will the first woman director of the V & A cope with a cut-throat business?

Photographs of Elizabeth Esteve-Coll's Old English sheepdog personalize the director's office at the V & A; apart from these, it is exactly as Sir Roy Strong left it — dominated by the bust of an obscure Polish duke who, a secretary confided, "would be a slight embarrassment to the sculpture department as to where to put him if we chucked him out".

The new director, 49 years old and fresh to the post with its £40,000 salary after two years as the chief librarian of the V & A National Art Library, may be sitting in a seat still warm from the 14-year occupancy of the flamboyant Sir Roy — but she does not consider herself to be in his shadow.

When the museum's chief administrator, Jim Close, was promoted to a position of enhanced responsibility, some people suggested that this was a move towards a dual directorship and a lessening of the director's control. They implied that such a step might have been deemed necessary because the new director was a woman with a low profile.

"I would say that was an interpretation put on events by someone who was unaware of the facts," Esteve-Coll says smoothly. "If you like, it's a sort of inevitable comment which one can understand being made — it's just surprising that it is made in this generation, when there has been such an awareness of equality in employment and opportunity for women.

"I have, for 15 years, been head of a department in one way or another — often the only female — and it has never occurred to me, ever, that I needed anybody to hold my hand. The answer is that if you're confident and capable of doing the job, you get on and *do* the job.

"Actually," she concludes, pulling the ace out of her comfortable jacket sleeve, "the promotion of Mr Close took place when Sir Roy was the director."



Elizabeth Esteve-Coll: learning marketing techniques

The broadening of his brief can be seen as a symptom of the natural growth of the museum — which from April 1 becomes responsible for the administration of its own property for the first time. Figures of £26 million are bandied about for repairs and improvements.

"It's a Forth Bridge operation," the new director sighs; but she welcomes the responsibility for the legendary leaking roof, if it brings with it a direct say in shaping the museum's future.

A new marketing manager, Charles Mills, joins the management team, together with an events and activities organizer, Sarah Pappworth. Esteve-Coll believes that in an increasingly commercial world, museums, while retaining education as a priority, must learn the aggressive marketing techniques of the leisure industry, "but without the commercial budget".

A new restaurant and a shop run under the aegis of V & A Enterprise, an independent commercial company, are already profitable and the voluntary charges ("system of flexible donations") which attracted such a distressing amount of what the museum sees as bad publicity last year brought in £½million. But attendance is still down after dropping a dramatic 40 per cent in the first year of charges.

Esteve-Coll believes new initiatives are dependent upon developing a partnership with the private sector. "It may mean cash sponsorship — or it may mean services which are given as payment in kind. We are exploring new avenues, but I cannot tell you what they are, because in the current economic climate museums and galleries are in competition with each other. We're in a cut-throat business."

She arrives at the museum before eight in the morning and often does not leave until 9pm, as well as coming in at weekends. Her refreshing style of management involves "walking the patch" to get to know museum-goers and warders. She appreciates the cloak of anonymity, and spent last Sunday gathering information from unlikely quarters. She goes home with copious carrier bags of work, a self-confessed "bag lady".

A widow (she lives with her dog in Richmond), she relaxes by reading poetry and going to the theatre. Poetry is something of a passion, as are Romanesque and contemporary art. A Yorkshire lass, she is delighted to be negotiating to transport some of the V & A's vast, undisplayed Indian collections for exhibition in Bradford.

In addition to her other undoubted attributes, Esteve-Coll should be an encouragement to all women who have worried about what a career break will do to their prospects. For 10 years she lived a nomadic life on the high seas with her husband, a Spanish sailor and a refugee from the Civil War, who died eight years ago. She calls it "a very privileged existence," which taught her to speak excellent Spanish, good French and "appalling", but enjoyable, Italian.

"I didn't start my career until I was in my thirties," says the former university librarian. "I think I've been very lucky."

Victoria McKee

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BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Tempted by tempi

Those who wish to learn more about the world of opera from A to Bizet should sign up promptly for a series of lectures by such luminaries as John Julius Norwich, conductor Antony Hopkins and tenor Nigel Douglas. To be staged at the Minema Cinema in Knightsbridge, London SW1, starting on Thursday February 4, the lectures will give listeners a grounding in the musical and historical background to opera. Details of the Opera Course (£325 for eight lectures, or £55 each) are available from Mrs Sally Windham, 23 Cadogan Square, London SW1 (01-235 3264).

Home help

Unlike cookery or gardening books, first aid manuals are not volumes which entice readers to leaf through them casually. "But we wish they would," says Kathy Stretton of the St John Ambulance Association. The brigade has just produced a revised and authorized *First Aid Manual* (Dorling Kindersley £9.95, paperback £4.95). If you think your moth-eaten old manual will do, Stretton says that "new first aid techniques are being developed all the time and nobody can afford to be complacent". One for the bedside table, perhaps, as well as the medicine cabinet.

Quote me . . .



"I do not believe it is necessary for women to take their husbands' names. I rather like my name and I am sticking to it. My father was in Parliament, he has no son and I want to carry it on for him. I enjoy the feeling of carrying the banner forward. People will address us as Sir Michael Caine and Emma Nicholson."

Emma Nicholson MP, whose husband Michael Caine was knighted in the New Year's Honours List

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Josephine Fairley

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Philosophy and a facial

FIRST PERSON

Maggie Drummond



What, I wonder, did business bigwigs make of the New Year's Eve announcement that Mrs Anita Roddick, managing director of Body Shop International, was to receive an OBE? It was only just over a month ago that some of them had assembled to see her receive the Company of the Year award and had witnessed her extraordinary outburst against big business.

They feel now, I imagine, like the guests at those Hollywood Oscar ceremonies when it was fashionable for award-winning actors and actresses to deliver some liberal chic thoughts on American foreign policy in an inappropriate setting guaranteed to produce plenty of column inches and positive personal publicity.

According to Roddick, big business is on its last legs, chock-a-block with pessimistic accountants and chaps who fail to make her blood surge — "tired executives in a tired system"; from the sound of it, well beyond the redemption even of Body Shop's exotic potions.

Business, it seems, has no social conscience, no soul, no . . . well, you name it and Roddick will tell you it hasn't got it. Perhaps just as well.

Rather like a friend who used to strike schools for big daughter off his list once the headmistress started gabbling about the importance of happiness and music, I go slightly deaf when entrepreneurs start talking about non-monetary values, not usually their greatest area of expertise.

Roddick is to be admired for her talent and energy in building up a business, from one shop in the back streets of Brighton to the multimillion pound empire she controls today, in a fashion described by one fan as Sixties idealism combined with Eighties entrepreneurialism. But, like many who have made their pile, this is not enough for her.

She now wants us to embrace not just her strawberry scrub soap-substitute, guaranteed to revive any tired businessman, but her philosophical notions as well, and treat her strictures on management technique like cosmic utterances. Far from being "alternative" she is following a familiar pattern.

I am all for big business having a social conscience, which, practically speaking, means not doing things like ruining beauty spots and polluting rivers and, on the positive side, handing over large sums of money to charities in return for a modest mention in a gala programme and the chance for the chairman's wife to meet the Princess of Wales.

But when I walk into Body Shop, which is, for all its founder's social conscience, completely dedicated to the enhancement of self, is it necessary that I know how its new wood foot massagers are helping Third World employment, or that by buying Jojoba oil I am helping to save the whales?

If too many people pay attention to Roddick, going shopping will be emotionally exhausting, and I might prefer to send the money to Ethiopia, anyway.

Roddickization — an intimate marriage of commercialism and do-gooding — is not confined to Body Shop. Recently a new Visa credit card was launched with pictures of battered children in the adverts. The idea is that some of the profits go to the NSPCC.

Some people probably think it is a wonderful gesture. I think it is a commercial gimmick. If they want to give money, why don't they do just that? And quietly?

Roddick is kidding herself if she thinks people buy her products or her shares for any other reason than that they will make us prettier or richer. And what she does with her profits is, and should be, her own business — not ours.

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Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.20pm, Sat 7.45-10.35pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.20pm and Sat 4-6.50pm, £8-£19. (D)

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☆ **SEPARATION:** David Suchet and Saskia Reeves as playwright and actress in Tom Kempinski's two-hander, transferred from Hampstead.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: *Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs* 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm and 8.45-11pm, £4-£13.50.

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☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with *Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and* Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm. £7.50-£14.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens *Theatre (01-734 1166).* . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** *Prince Edward Theatre (01-734* 8951). . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ☆ **High Society:** *Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834* 1317). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ☆ **Nunsense:** Fortune Theatre (01-836 2238). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 *2244).* . . ☆ *Run For Your Wife:* Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Theatre (01-828 8665). . . ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **Love off The Shelf:** New musical: "everything you wanted to know about romantic novels but were afraid to ask".
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771). Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £4.90-£8.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Measure for Measure:** New production with Josette Simon as Isabella.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £3.50-£17.50.

STRATFORD: ☆ **The New Inn:** Ben Jonson's quest to find the nature and honour of true love. Directed by John Caird.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Tonight 7.30pm, £3-£13.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal *sentiments; with Kevin Kline as* journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.30.

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error in the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). *Joe Dante directs (119 min).*
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
☎ *Cannon Fulham Road (01-370* 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.10, 8.00.

■ **JEAN DE FLORETTE (PG):** Absorbing, beautifully acted version of Marcel Pagnol's novel about Provençal life in the 1920s; with Yves Montand, Daniel Auteuil *and Gérard Depardieu. Claude* Berri directs (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). *Progs 2.20, 4.45, 7.10, 9.35.*
Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9561). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

THE KITCHEN TOTO (15): Writer-*director Harry Hook makes an* impressive debut with this observant drama about a bewildered young servant during Kenya's fight for independence. With Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan (97 min).
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.10, 8.15, 10.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 6.20, 8.30.

MANON DES SOURCES (PG): Ten years after the death of Jean de Florette (see separate entry), his 18-year-old daughter still haunts the hills over-looking the farm stolen from her father by Soubeyran, played by Yves *Montand (120 min).*
Curzon Mayfair (01-449 3737). Progs 1.15, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the *First World War, E M Forster's* novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** *(01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35,* 8.45.

OPERA

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* Verdi production, in its last performances, with John Rawnsley in the title role and Susan Bullock as Gilda. Martin Handley conducts.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **REBECCA:** Opera North's revival of Wilfred Josephs's compelling opera of Daphne du Maurier's novel. Strong cast conducted by David Lloyd-Jones.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351) 7.15-9.50pm, £4.50-£17.80.

DANCE

★ **GISELLE:** Sylvia Guillem and Rudolf Nureyev as guests with the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.45pm, £1-£30.

☆ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** David *Bintley's production for Sadler's* Wells Royal Ballet.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.45pm. £3.50-£16, half-price for under-16s.

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Peter Darrell's production for Scottish Ballet.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-9.30pm, £2.50-£15.

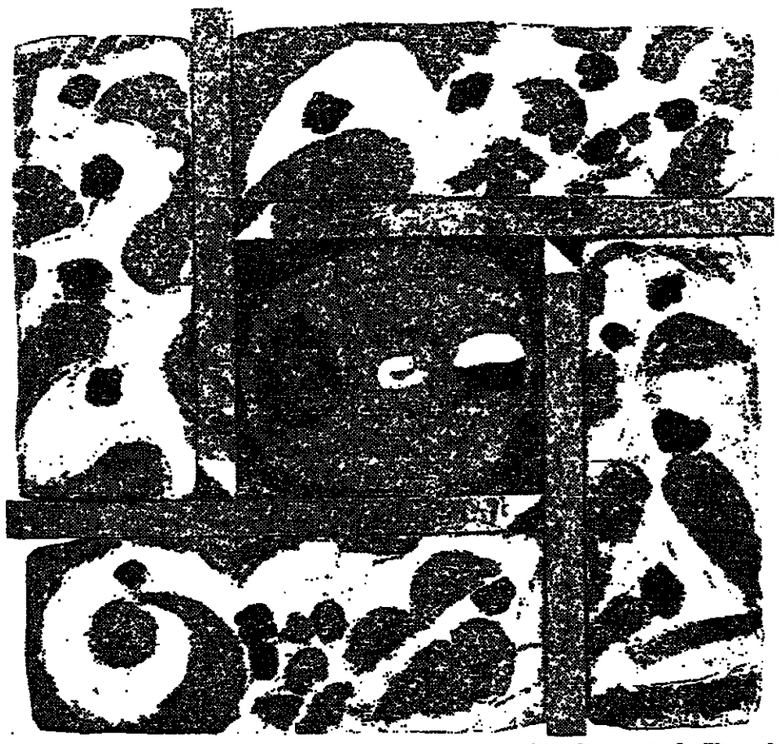
☆ **ALICE IN WONDERLAND:** Rosemary Hellwell's production for Northern Ballet Theatre, plus *Aurora's Wedding.*
City Hall, Sheffield (0742 735295), *7.30-10pm, £4.50-£10.*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **TELEMANN TODAY:** The Lecosaidi Ensemble performs Telemann's E minor Trio, preceding it with Vivaldi's cantata *Canta in Prato.*
St Anne and St Agnes, Gresham Street, *London EC2 (01-373 5568),* 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **MANLEY MUSIC:** Paul Manley plays Schubert's Violin Sonata D 384, *Eclogues I and II from* Stravinsky's *Duo Concertant* and Szymanowski's Romance Op 23. Iain Ledingham is the pianist.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.



"Liknon 2" (above) is typical of Joe Tilson's painting in recent years. A blaze of red, white and blue, this large oil on canvas on wood relief — more than four feet square — illustrates Tilson's rather old-fashioned but welcome belief that art must be decorative as well as intellectually stimulating. A show of the artist's recent, more cerebral prints and paintings, which reflect his obsession with visual impact, begins today. A literary sophistication lurks behind the seductively bright colours. The vehicles of these deeper meanings are mysterious runes and symbols, pictograms and Greek words. These betray Tilson's fascination for classical myths and especially that concerning Persephone and Demeter, with its references to fertility and constant regeneration in nature, a theme which, he believes, has assumed critical significance in the 1980s. But as the artist once said: "You don't need to understand Greek mythology or obscure things in alchemy to understand what I'm doing." Tilson, born in 1928, is normally associated with Pop Art: he was already using Pop subjects and materials during his student days at the Royal College of Art in 1953, well before similar concerns became fashionable and marketable in New York. The show is at Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork Street, London, W1 (01-437 8611), Monday to Friday 10am-5.30pm, Saturday 10-1pm, free, until January 30. *David Lee*

EVENING

☆ **ALL BACH:** András Schiff plays Johann Sebastian's 15 Two-part Inventions and English Suites Nos 1, 3 and 5, on the piano.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4-£6.50.

☆ **DAVIS/LSO:** The LSO is conducted by Sir Colin Davis in Sibelius's *Swan of Tuonela* and Symphony No 7, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks; and Murray* Perahia solos in Grieg's popular Piano Concerto.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£15.

ROCK

☆ **LEE "SCRATCH" PERRY:** The distinguished reggae producer and toastmaster general who played a pivotal part in the development of Bob Marley's career, has become something of an eccentric faker in recent years.
Dingwalls, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 (01-267 4967) 8pm, £5-£6.

☆ **THE HEN PARTY:** Alternative *variety show featuring an* exclusively female line-up: Vi Subversa, Hope Augustus, Donna & Kebab, Anna Palm, the Cholmondeleys and the Rhythm Sisters.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191) 8pm, £4.

JAZZ

☆ **STAN TRACEY:** The pianist *leads his quartet into action once* again. A new album, recorded with Charlie Rouse, is due out shortly.
Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £4.

☆ **IAIN BALLAMY:** A leading light of Loose Tubes and one of the most individual young saxophonists on the circuit.
Jazz Café, 56 Newington Green, London N16 (01-359 4936) 8.30pm, free.

☆ **TREVOR WATTS:** The sax player and inspiration behind Moire Music plays a duet with the group's drummer Liam Genocky.
The Sun, 47 Old Town, Clapham, London SW4 (01-622 4980), 8.30pm, £3.

GALLERIES

SHEILA HARRISON: Contemporary ceramics.
Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness Street, London SW1 (01-267 4835), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until Jan 30.

WILD CREATURES: Paintings selected from the Arts Council's collection.
South Devon College of Art and Technology, *Barton Road, Torquay* (0803 21755). Mon-Thurs 9.30am-6pm, Fri 9.30am-4pm, free, until Jan 22.

TIM MARA: Recent works by an expert and innovative printmaker.
Angela Flowers Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 3089), Mon-Fri 10.30am-6pm, Sat 10.30am-12.30pm, free, until Jan 30.

ABSTRACT ARTISTS: Works by three fine exponents of the genre, James Faure Walker, Jeffrey Dellow and C Morey de Morand.
Todd Gallery, 326 Portobello Road, London W10 (01-960 6209), Tues-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat 10.30am-4.30pm, free, until Jan 30.

FRANZ MESSERSCHMIDT: A series of realistic, grimacing heads — made by a madman — which are like no other 18th Century sculptures.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, *London W1 (01-930 3647),* Daily noon-8pm, 60p, until Feb 21.

WALKS

ROYAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £2.50.

SECRET HISTORY TOUR — THE STRAND: meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £2.50.

LEGAL LONDON: meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3.

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

LONDON INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW: See cartoon.
Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London, SW5 (01-385 1234). Today until Jan 17, Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat and Sun 10am-7pm. Adm. today until Fri £7, child £3; *thereafter £4, child £1.50.* Mon-Fri after 4.30pm £2.50, child £1.

CARAVAN AND CAMPING EXHIBITION: Latest designs in caravans, *mobile homes, tents and* accessories.
Bristol Exhibition Centre, Canon's Road, Bristol, Avon. (0272 215206). Today until Jan 9, noon-8pm, Jan 10 10am-6pm. £2, accompanied child free.



Nigel Mansell (above) opens the London International Boat Show today at 11am at Earls Court (see listing). The 12-day show caters for everyone with an interest in boats and watersports and this year the centrepiece is a reconstruction of the harbour of St Peter Port, Guernsey. Alongside the 700 boats of every description, in and out of the water, there are hundreds of trade and information stands, a crèche for young children, facilities for windsurfing, competitions, fashion shows and displays.

FOR CHILDREN

READINGS FROM RUDYARD KIPLING: Gerald Benson reads for children aged *eight and older.*
Seminar Room, King's Library, The British Library, Great Russell Street, London, WC1 (01 323 7595). 11.30am, free.

PLANETARIUM HOLIDAY SHOW: *The Winter Skies* at 2.30pm, *Voyagers to the Planets.* At 3.30pm. Suitable for all the family.
Greenwich Planetarium, South Building, Old Royal Observatory, London, SE10 (01-858 1167). Programme free, adm. to observatory £1.20, child 60p.

CIRCUS SHOW AND WORKSHOPS: Learn make-up and other basic clown skills. Show follows the workshops.
Jubilee Sports Hall, South Piazza, Covent Garden, London, WC2. Booking necessary, via Alternative Arts (01-240 5451). Today, tomorrow, Fri. Workshops 10am-noon. Circus Bumbalini 1pm on the West Piazza.

CHILDREN'S LECTURE: Laurence Bradbury describes animal pets portrayed in some of the gallery's paintings.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London, SW1 (01-821 1313). Auditorium, 11.30am, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUNDS IN TIME: Opera Restor'd open second part of series with two *fully staged operas:* Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* and J F Lampe's *Pyramus and Thisbe.* Feb 20.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 928 8800, info 928 3002). 'Phone booking from today.

THE MOVING PICTURE MIME SHOW: Performance by mime *ensemble to mark climax of 10th* London International Mime Festival. *Handle with Care* based on life in an old people's home; *The Seven Samurai* a recreation of Japanese film. Feb 7.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (as above). 'Phone booking from today.

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Until April, programme incl. Maxwell Davies conducting his oboe concerto, and *Orkney Wedding with Sunrise;* Hellgrimmson conducting his own works; Trevor Pinnock, Mitsuko Uchida, Jane Manning.
Queens and Usher Halls, Box Office, Queens Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031 668 2019).

LAST CHANCE

STRATFORD COLLECTION: Colour lithograph posters from company which supplied theatre posters 1910-1930. Ends today.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141).

DOWN AT THE OLD BULL AND BUSH: Items from British music hall. Ends today.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 4141).

WINTER SALES

TODAY

LONDON: HARRODS, Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-730 1234).
Ferguson 24in TV down from £509 to £399; set of Mayfair luggage 50% off each piece; John Galliano dress from £205 to £102; Harrods large double white goosedown duvet from £350 to £225; Guy Degrane silver-plated cutlery 40% off; satin quilted bedspread from £250 to £125.
until Jan 30

LONDON: TOWNHOUSE INTERIORS, 25G Lowndes Street, SW1 (01-235 3189).
Reductions on Italian designed home accessories.
Until Jan 30

THIS WEEK

LONDON: ARTEMIDE, 17 Neal Street, WC2 (01-240 2552).
Selected items of modern lighting.
Fri for two weeks

LONDON: BAZAAR, 1 and 4 South Molton Street, W1 (01-629 1708).
30% off Jean-Paul Gaultier men's clothing.
Thurs for one week

LONDON: BENEDETTO, *8 Silver* Place, W1 (01-734 0089).
All stock up to 50% off.
Fri-Jan 30

LONDON: BROWNS, 22-27 South Molton Street, W1 (01-491 7833); 60 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-493 4232).
Up to 50% off most designer names including Romeo Gigli, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Sonia Rykiel, Comme des Garçons and Byblos.
Fri-Jan 29

LONDON: CASA FINA, 132 Notting Hill Gate, W11 (01-221 9112); 9 Central Avenue, The Market, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-836 0269).
50% off lamp bases and ceramics; 15% off upholstered furniture.
Thurs-Feb 6

LONDON: THE CONRAN SHOP, Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, SW3 (01-589 7401).
Furniture, china, glass and fabrics.
Fri for two weeks

LONDON: DESCAMPS, 197 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-235 6957).
20% off recently discontinued designs in bedlinen and towelling; 35%-75% off year-old designs.
Thurs for three weeks

LONDON: FORTNUM & MASON, 181 Piccadilly, W1 (01-734 1234).
A third off in most departments (except food and wine).
Thurs-Jan 28

NOW ON

LONDON: AQUASCUTUM, 100 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6090).
Men's wool overcoats from £275 to £150, cashmere overcoats from £795 to £499; classic men's raincoats from £155 to £99, pure wool sports jackets from £145 to £99; ladies' cashmere coats from £895 to £589, wool coats from £279 to £139; ladies raincoats from £199 to £99, trenchcoats from £279 to £179; ladies blazers from £239 to £149, knitwear from £55 to £27.50.
Until mid Jan

LONDON: AUSTIN REED, 103-113 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6789) and branches
Paul Costelloe, Nicole Fahri, Roland Klein and Michael Mortell, a third off and Marina Rinaldi 20% off. Menswear: wool suits from £250 to £185; blazers from £99 to £79; tweed jackets from £135 to £99.
Until mid Jan.

LONDON: BEAUCHAMP PLACE SHOP, Beauchamp Place, SW3 (01-589 4155).
Designer clothes at half-price (Workers For Freedom, Maxfield Parrish, Rifat Ozbek, Edina Ronay and Marion Foale).
Until Jan 30.

LONDON: COLES, 131 Sloane Street, SW1 (01-730 7564).
Shirts from £47.50 to £29.95; selected ties half-price at £14.95; knitwear 20% off; children's sailor dresses from £75 to £50; pure wool ladies' suits from £125 to £39.50.
Until mid Jan

LONDON: DEBENHAMS, Oxford Street, W1 (01-580 3000).
Women's wear 25%-30% off; men's shirts third off; men's corduroy trousers and Coloroll quilt covers and co-ordinates half price; 36-piece Wedgwood imperfect fine bone china from £246 to £159.50.
until Jan 30.

LONDON AND NATIONWIDE: HOUSE OF FRASER, all stores including Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1234) and House of Fraser, Kensington High Street, W8 (01-937 5432).
Furniture, electrical equipment and fashion.
Until Jan 20.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending Jan 2

FICTION			
1	**New York Trilogy,** Paul Auster	Faber	£10.95
2	**The Songlines,** Bruce Chatwin	Cape	£10.95
3	**Winter,** Len Deighton	Century Hutchinson	£10.95
4	**At Close Quarters,** Gerald Seymour	Collins	£10.95
5	**A Friend From England,** Anita Brookner	Cape	£ 9.95
NON-FICTION			
1	**Pocket Wine Guide 1988,** Hugh Johnson	Beazley	£ 4.95
2	**Oscar Wilde,** Richard Ellmann	Hamish Hamilton	£15.00
3	**Catlore,** Desmond Morris	Cape	£ 5.95
4	**Complete Cookery,** Delia Smith	BBC	£12.95
5	**Catwatching,** Desmond Morris	Cape	£ 5.95
PAPERBACKS			
1	**Floyd On France,** Keith Floyd	BBC	£ 6.95
2	**The Fish Course,** Susan Hicks	BBC	£ 6.95
3	*The Complete Hedgehog, Les Stocker*	Chatto	£ 6.95
4	**Cstmopolitan,** Ilene Hochberg	Corgi	£ 5.95
5	**The Balkan Trilogy,** Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 5.95
6	**The Levant Trilogy,** Olivia Manning	Penguin	£ 4.95
7	*Other Side of Paradise, Noel Barber*	Coronet	£ 3.95
8	**Ceilnet Guide to Hotels & Restaurants,** Egon Ronay	A.A. Publications	£ 9.95
9	**The Red President,** Martin Gross	Headline	£ 3.50
10	**One Is Fun,** Delia Smith	Coronet	£ 7.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 16

TEMPEAN
(c) Beautiful and charming, from the fragrant Ancient Greek Vale of Tempe.

CUCUMIFORM
(b) Dr Johnson: "A cucumber should be well sliced, and dressed in pepper and vinegar, and then thrown out as good for nothing."

SHIVAREE
(a) and (c) from Greek *karebaria* a headache; a cacophonous mock serenade made by banging things, or banging on about things, as in *Punch.*

YOD
(c) The tenth and smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the front voiced open consonant denoted by j.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tonight 7.45 **ROYAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Sir Colin Davis cond/ Murray Perahia (piano) Prog inc Grieg Piano Concerto in A minor.

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Societies Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50. Adults. £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Tuesday 09.30 - 16.00. W/E 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel. 01-828 2768.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tonight 7.30 Rigoletto. Tomor 7.00 The Rosenkavalier.

Royal Festival Hall 928 3191 CC 928 8800. *Until 16 January.* Eves 7.30pm. Sats Mats 3.00pm.
LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET THE NUTCRACKER (Tchaikovsky) Tonight Charles / Schaufuss / Bruce / Sevillano / Skoog / Grant / Pettibalt. Tickets from £5.50

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Sadsy info 836 6903. S CC 65 ampni seats avail on the day.
Tonight 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET Giselle.** Ballet casting info 01 240 9816

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Until Sat. Eves 7.30. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 **SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET The Snow Queen.**

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.35** Edgar Kennedy in Act Your Age (b/w). **6.55** Weather. **7.00** Breakfast Time with John Stapleton, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.35** Make 'Em Laugh (r). **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the "Swinging Sixties". **10.00** News and weather followed by The Flintstones (r). **10.25** Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Chloe Ashcroft and Iain Lauchlan (r), and The Wombles (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. A reading by Joanna Lumley **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Bob Wellings, Pattie Coldwell and, possibly, the UK's Greatest Granny. **12.00** News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series presented by Pamela Armstrong, Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. A new feud brews between the Ramsays and the Robinsons; and Des and Daphne have their first fight. **1.50** The Thorn Birds. Episode three of the five-part adaptation of Colleen McCullough's bestselling novel and Meggie discovers that Ralph is to be made a bishop in Rome. She makes the momentous decision to start a new life in Queensland (r). (Ceefax) **3.20** Paddles Up. Heat two of the international white-water canoeing competition on the River Dee, Llangollen, North Wales. **3.50** Sebastian, the Incredible Drawing Dog (r). **4.00** Animal Fair (r). **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r). **4.15** Jackanory. Rik Mayall with part three of Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* (r). **4.30** Yogi Bear (r). **4.35** Wizbit. The first of a new series, starring Paul Daniels. **5.00** Newsround **5.10** Sticks and Stones. A drama, written by Adam Delaney, set in inner-city London (r). **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan. Tonight's guest list includes *Neighbours* actress Anne Charleston, Richard Briers and yachtsman Harold Cudmore. Plus, a song from Charley Pride. **7.35** The Clothes Show includes the launch of the Clothes Show Model 88 competition and a look at the latest in mail order fashion (r). **8.00** Dallas. Bobby has to be restrained by J.R. and Ray when he goes on a bar-room rampage; and Nicholas Pearce arranges a meeting between Sue Ellen and an investor who is not exactly a stranger to her. (Ceefax) **8.50** Points of View with Anne Robinson. **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather. **9.30** G.E.D. — The Magic of Memory. This first of a new series features Paul Daniels demonstrating fascinating memory-improving techniques. (Ceefax) **10.20** Film: The Right Stuff (1983) starring Sam Shepard. The second of the two-part drama about the Mercury space programme of the early 1960s. Directed by Philip Kaufman. **11.45** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **12.30** Open University **1.20** Heads and Tails (r). **1.35** Charlie Chaplin in Work (1915, b/w). **2.00** News and weather followed by Antiques Roadshow in Worcester (r). **2.45** Holiday Outings. Bill Buckley skis in St Anton (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by Great Collectors. Henry McIlhenny's collection of 19th century French paintings housed in his Philadelphia home (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather. **4.00** Catchword. Word association game presented by Paul Cola. **4.30** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Crystal Miracles by Professor J.M.Thomas, the third in a series of six lectures on Crystals and Lasers. **5.30** The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part one of a 13-programme series tracing the restoration of a walled garden. Presented by Peter Thoday and Harry Dodson (r). (Ceefax) **6.00** Film: Three for All (1974) starring Adrienne Posta, Cheryl Hall and Lesley North. Pop music oriented comedy about a British band on a tour of Spain and their girlfriends' efforts to make contact with them. Directed by Martin Campbell. **7.25** Schubert. Alfred Brendel plays Schubert's Piano Sonata in B flat major, D960, in the Great Hall of the Middle Temple, London. Introduced by Jane Glover. **8.10** Tkswatch: Evidence of Neglect. Peter France introduces three films examining ways in which the country's historical records are under attack. **9.00** M*A*S*H. A sudden increase in the number of wounded, a fire and a torrential downpour, throw the 4077th into confusion. Starring Alan Alda, Mike Farrell and Harry Morgan (r). **9.25** Campaign. (Ceefax) (see Choice) **10.15** Barbara Dickson. In this first of a series of musical tours the Scottish singer visits the Isles of Scilly. **10.45** Newsnight with Peter Snow, Donald MacCormick and Adam Raphael. **11.30** Weather.

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes cartoons and, at **7.00** and **8.00** Good Morning Britain introduced by Mike Morris. **8.30** G'Day Britain presented by Anne Diamond in Australia. **9.25** Thames news headlines. **9.30** Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This morning, Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Lysette Anthony, Christopher Biggins, Frazer Hines, Roger Kitter, Judy Loe and Jessica Martin **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines. **10.30** Which Way? Tony Wilson presents a programme that examines the options for 16-year-olds who might be unsure of the next course of action to take — to stay at school, go to college, try for a training course or maybe even a job. For individual advice ring 0345 60 0345. **11.10** Allsorts (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines **11.30** Getting On. This week's edition of the magazine programme for the older viewer includes help in staying healthy **12.00** Wish You Were Here... ? Tunisia, the Lizard and Wyoming (r). **12.30** News **12.50** Thames news. **1.00** Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Jeremy Beadle **1.30** A Country Practice. **2.30** Which Way? Tony Wilson, continuing from this morning's programme, with advice for 16-year-olds on the options open to them. **3.00** Gems. Episode one of a new drama serial set in London's fashion world **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. **4.00** Rod, Jane & Freddy. A new children's series **4.10** Five Minute Wonder **4.20** The Wind in the Willows. Animated adventures of Toad and his friends **4.45** Your Mother Wouldn't Like It. **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. **5.45** News **6.00** Thames news. **6.25** Help. Community action news. **6.30** Emmerdale Farm. Kathy and Jackie plan their wedding and at NY Estates Joe Sugden has the unpleasant task of making the entire workforce redundant. **7.00** This Is Your Life. The first of three programmes recorded before Eamonn Andrews's death. **7.30** Coronation Street. If gossip is correct then Jenny and Patric's engagement is going to be short-lived; and there is unrest at the factory. (Oracle) **8.00** Des O'Connor Tonight. The entertainer's special guest is impressionist Karen Kay. **9.00** Hannay. (Oracle) (see Choice) **10.00** News at Ten **10.30** Thames news headlines. **10.35** Snooker. The last two quarter-final matches in the Mercantile Credit Classic introduced by Dickie Davies from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool. **12.15am** Film: Captain Apache (1971) starring Lee Van Cleef, Carroll Baker and Stuart Whitman. An Indian serving with US Army Intelligence is given the job of tracking down the killers of an Indian Commissioner. Directed by Alexander Singer. **2.00** America's Top 10 presented by Casey Kasem. **2.30** News headlines followed by WKRP in Cincinnati. Comedy series. **3.00** Film: The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb (1964) starring Terence Morgan. A resuscitated mummy wreaks revenge in fog-shrouded London on those who defiled his tomb. Directed by Michael Carreras. **4.35** Fifty Years On. Vintage newsreels. **5.00** ITN World News **5.30** CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Business Daily. **12.30** Just 4 Fun. For children **1.00** Sesame Street. Series for pre-school children. **2.00** Snooker. Fifth round action in the Mercantile Credit Classic from Norbreck Castle, Blackpool. **5.00** A Horse's Tale. A documentary about a County Clare farmer and his dilemma of whether or not to sell his faithful grey mare who has served him well over the years in order to buy a tractor (r). **5.30** American Football. Highlights of the Wild Card games. **6.30** So We Bought a Computer. The first of a six-part series in which various people talk about why they bought a computer and the advice they sought before they decided on what to buy (r). **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather. **8.00** Every Window Tells a Story. Malcolm Miller examines how stained glass can reveal the lives of our ancestors (r). (Oracle) **8.30** A Week in Politics. A special report on Labour's disillusioned voters — the dockers, manual workers and new entrepreneurs — who think the Party is failing them. **9.00** Girls on Top. Comedy series about four disparate young women who rent a flat in a house owned by an eccentric, titled novelist. Starring Tracey Ullman, Dawn French, Jennifer Saunders, Ruby Wax and Joan Greenwood (r). (Oracle) **9.30** Woman to View. The first of a new current affairs series for women presented by Jackie Spreckley and Tess Woodcraft. Tonight's programme visits a maternity hospital occupied by mothers trying to prevent its closure; and examines the effects of the advertising campaign aimed at convincing women of the benefits of nuclear power. **10.00** Film: Oh! What a Lovely War (1969) starring John Mills, Kenneth More, Laurence Olivier and Susannah York. Award-winning musical satire of the folly and horror of the First World War. Based on the play by Joan Littlewood and directed by Richard Attenborough. Ends at **12.30.**

A new taste of Hannay

TELEVISION CHOICE

● It is South West Africa in 1912 and Richard Hannay, played by Robert Powell, is minding his business when a would-be assassin leaps out and shoots him in the back. As the blood seeps through his shirt, a black stone is pressed in his hand. Since a series can hardly lose its hero in the first five minutes, it is no surprise when our man rises from the dead and, *en route* for England, reckons it is about time he tasted a bit of civilization. We are in John Buchan country, though Hannay (ITV, 9.00pm) is a modern pastiche which makes use of the characters and ambience and invents the stories. Given the date, two years before the First World War, the villain can hardly be other than a German and, sure enough, Hannay is soon on the trail of one Count von Schwabing, who is out to scupper the British fleet in Scapa Flow. Meanwhile Hannay is trying to insinuate himself into London society in his amorous pursuit of the lovely Lady Anne, whose 21st birthday ball is imminent. This sub-plot is often more diverting than the main adventure, which develops into a familiar Buchan double chase with Hannay pursued equally by police and heavies. Since von Schwabing is a standard caricature German who could have strayed in from *'Allo 'Allo* it is hard to take him or his nefarious activities seriously, while Hannay has such a miraculous facility for getting out of desperate situations which for other mortals mean certain death, that the plot is rather lacking in tension. But Powell is a personable Hannay (as he has already demonstrated in the film of *The Thirty-Nine Steps*) and his attempts to get himself accepted by the British aristocracy are amusingly



Richard Hannay (Robert Powell) takes some adventurous new steps in the first episode of Hannay (ITV, 9.00pm)

charted. Preparing for Lady Anne's ball he seems to be doing everything right — visiting the best tailor and taking dancing lessons — but as he struggles with his bow tie, it is obvious he has some way to go. So, perhaps, has this series.

● From the first episode it is not clear whether Campaign (BBC2, 9.25pm) is intended as satire, soap opera or feminist tract. Certainly there are elements of all three. The setting is a West End advertising agency, where bright young people sip Perrier water and drive Porsches and BMWs. In between they rush about, talk nineteen to the dozen and try to look dynamic. The agency's accounts include beer, breakfast cereal and, when the Prime Minister calls a snap election, the government itself. The best scene, fortuitously topical, is the shooting of a television commercial for the National Health Service in which a nurse played by an actress mouths platititudes from an idiot board justifying government cuts. The feminist strain involves Sarah (Penny Downie), the agency's creative director, who not only rushes about and looks dynamic but is also trying to run a family and home. Since hubby has walked out on her without leaving an address and her small son does not take kindly to being dumped with the au pair, she's in real bother. The trouble is that she would rather be out selling the government than cooking or sewing curtains, even if young Daniel has to miss his bedtime story. Intermingled, we have the soap opera element of office gossip about who is amorously involved with whom. If this makes, at times, for a confused mixture, the show has the considerable merits of energy and pace and when Gerard Macdonald's script tackles the more profound issues of advertising ethics, it does so with bite.

Peter Waymark

In the chill of the night

RADIO CHOICE

● The Man in Black is back, with a difference. The late Valentine Dyall, once radio's most sinister story-teller, has been replaced by Edward de Souza. He makes a very creditable job of introducing Fear on Four (Radio 4, 6.30pm), a new 12-part series of "horror and suspense plays". Tonight's tall story is *The Snowman Killing* by J.C.W. Brook, in which the only really convincing element is the acting of Imelda Staunton as the understandably anxious mother of twins Colin and Alex, and wife of Henry — played by Brian Hewlett. As is usual with exercises of this kind, wild implausibility and wilful unpleasantness prevent any real atmosphere of horror developing. Radio is potentially the most creepy medium of all, but if this one leaves your blood running cold, there is probably something wrong with your central heating.



Imelda Staunton in the cast of Fear on Four (R4, 6.30pm)

● Widely tipped as the hottest new comedy show on radio, Whose Line Is It Anyway? (Radio 4, 7.45pm) makes its debut this week. Real live young people — the audience of Radio 4's dreams — have been observed queuing round the block to get into the recordings, and once inside they have clearly had a whale of a time. The show is a loosely organized team game, in which the panellists ad lib their way through tasks set by chairman Clive Anderson and the audience. The two regulars are both bursting with talent — Stephen Fry and John Sessions — and in this first programme they are joined by husband and wife Lenny Henry and Dawn French.

● Time for Verse (Radio 4, 3.47pm), a long running favourite, is changing this week. For the rest of the year, George MacBeth will be interviewing individual poets about their work, their life and their tastes. He is making a leisurely start with five programmes in the company of articulate and accessible Cornish poet, Charles Causley.

● Finally, a short story that is well worth catching. Heart of April (Radio 3, 10.50pm) by David Zane Mairowitz is a haunting, elusive piece, set in the South of France and telling of a village outing to a biological research institute. The narrator is a woman who is probably, we suspect, not far from death. Diana Quick reads the story beautifully.

Nigel Andrew



Tess Woodcraft (left) and Jackie Spreckley, presenters of the new current affairs series Woman in View (C4, 9.30pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **7.35-8.00** Juice **11.45-11.55** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotsman **5.35-7.00** Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Neighbours **11.48-11.55** News and weather ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardens for All **12.50-1.00** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.15am** Film: Friendships, Secrets and Lies **2.00-2.30** Jazz **5.00** Beyond 2000 **6.00** Close

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **12.15am** Close

CENTRAL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** The Young Doctors **12.50-1.00** News **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.30** News **12.15am** Film: The Lady Vanishes **2.00** UFO **2.55** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** The Sullivans **12.50** News **1.00-1.30** Coast to Coast People **2.00-2.30** 9 to 5 **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **12.15am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **10.35** Curling **11.35** Snooker **12.15am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.00pm-1.00** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.35-6.30** This Is Your Right **12.15am** America's Top 10 **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50-1.00** News **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.30** News **12.15am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.30** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50-1.00** News **1.30-2.30** The Love Boat **3.30-4.00** The Human Factor **5.15** Pet Subject **5.20-5.45** Crossroads **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **10.35** Curling **11.35** Snooker: The Mercantile Credit Classic **12.35am** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** A Country Practice **12.50-1.00** News **1.30-2.30** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.30** Today **12.15am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** The Sullivans **12.50** News **1.00-1.30** Coast to Coast People **2.00-2.30** 9 to 5 **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **12.15am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **12.20am** Breaking Through...to Love **12.30** Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Homestyle **6.00** Sox Tonight **6.20-6.30** Preview **12.15am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Calendar Lunchtime Live **12.50-1.00** News **1.30** Highway to Heaven **2.25-2.30** Help Yourself **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.15am** Show Express **12.45** Jobfinder **1.45** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**10.15am** Film: For Valour' **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Making the Most Of... **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Snooker **4.20** Fistabalam **4.35** Y Pentau Cudd **5.00** Cartoon Carnival **5.30** American Football **6.30** World Alive: Spain **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Raffio **8.00** Hai Strason **8.30** I Wad Ode A Helaeth **9.05** Film: Tom Jones **11.30** Week in Politics **12.00** Closedown.

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Radio 2

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News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00am** Bill Rennells **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Katie Boyle **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jim Lloyd presents Folk on 2 **8.30** Acoustic Roots (new series): the music of London **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **10.30** The Golden Years (Alan Keith) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Development '88 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** My Music **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Stuart Colman's Record Hop **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Back to Square One **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Being Human **11.25** A Letter from Wales **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Time For Verse **12.25** Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Development '88 **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Australia Bound **3.30** Flying the Flag **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Rock Salad **4.45** World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** A Letter from Wales **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.09** Twenty-four Hours **6.30** Assignment **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Rock Salad **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Write On — **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Flying the Flag **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** Story of English **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Fundamentalist America **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: Handel (Coronation anthem, The King Shall Rejoice: Choir of Westminster Abbey, with English Concert), Beethoven (Variations on La ci darem la mano: Heinz Holliger and Hans Elhorst, oboes; and Maurice Bourgue, cor anglais), Mozart (Piano Concerto No 26: Murray Perahia, piano, directs the English Chamber Orchestra) **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Concert (continued): Leclair (Violin Concerto in A, Op 10 No 2: Gerard Jarry, with Paillard CO), Beethoven (Symphony No 2: Leipzig Gewandhaus) **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Max Bruch. Quintet in A minor, Op posth (Hanson Quartet with Graham Oppenheimer, viola), Adagio on Celtic Melodies, Op 56; Serenade on Swedish Melodies; Op posth for strings; Kol Nidrei, Op 47 (BBC Concert Orchestra, with Raphael Wallfisch, cello) **10.15** Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Variations: Nelly Ben Or (piano) plays Mozart's Rondo in A minor, K 511; Mendelssohn's Variations serieuses, Op 54; and Mozart's Variations on Unser dummer Pöbel meint, K 455 **10.55** The Composer Conducts: Hindemith conducts Concert Music for strings and brass, Op 50; and Symphony in B flat for concert band (Philharmonia Orchestra) **11.30** Brahms and Rubbra Songs: Anne Collins (contralto) and Paul Hamburger (piano). Brahms (Therese; Feldeinsamkeit; Nachtwandler) and Rubbra's Three Psalms Op 61, numbers 8, 23 and 150 **11.50** Copland and Walton: BBC Welsh SO under James Loughran. Copland's Four Dance Episodes, Rodeo; and Walton's Symphony No 1 **1.00** News **1.05** Concert Hall: Fairfield Quartet play Haydn's Op 33 No 2, the Joke; and Shostakovich's Quartet No 3 in F, Op 73 **2.00** Joubert and Howells: Divertimenti, under John Lubbock, perform John Joubert's Temps perdu, and Howells's Suite for strings **2.50** Record Review: Includes Stephen Dodgson's guide to the best recordings of Schubert's String Quartet in A minor, D 804 and reviews of new choral releases (r) **4.00** An Epiphany Service of Music and Readings: live transmission from Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge. The organ voluntary is Bach's BWV 606, Chorale prelude Vom Himmel Hoch. The organ scholars are Graham Jackson and Richard Pearce **5.00** World Service News **5.10** Midweek Choice: with Donald Macleod. Recordings of C.P.E. Bach's Sonata in B flat, Wq 125 (Rampal, flute, with Veyron-Lacroix, harpsichord), Rimsky-Korsakov's Symphony No 1 (USSR Academic SO under Svetlanov), Karg-Elert's Symphonic Canzona No 3 (David Hill, organ); with Andrew Watkinson, violin; Choristers of Westminster Cathedral); Peter Mennin's Piano Concerto (Ogdon, with RPO under Buketoff); and Hindemith's Nobilissima visione (Philharmonia under Hindemith) **6.55** News **7.00** Strauss's Humorous Satire on Music Publishers: Neil Mackie (tenor), with Paul Hamburger (piano), perform Krämerspiegel, Op 66 **7.40** Berlin Philharmonic, under Muti, with Antonio Meneses (cello). Part one. Rossini (Journey to Rheims overture), Haydn (Cello Concerto in C, H VIIb 1) **8.15** Musical Times Past: Fritz Spiegl presents a feature about Victorian music making (r) **8.35** Concert (part two): Scriabin (Symphony No 3) **9.30** The Jesuits: first of six documentaries by Lord Rawlinson. Contributors include Cesar Jerez, SJ; Peter Marchbetti SJ; and Dr Eamon Duffy (r) **10.15** Oboe and Piano: Nicholas Daniel and Julius Drake perform Dutilleux's Sonata; Ruth Crawford Seeger's Diaphonic Suite No 1; Saint-Saens's Sonata in D **10.50** Heart of April: Diana Quick reads the story by David Zane Mairowitz **11.20** Anthony Payne: BBC Singers perform A Little Passiontide Cantata; A Little Whitsuntide Cantata; A Little Ascension Cantata; and a Little Christmas Cantata **11.57** News bulletin **12.00** Russian Orthodox Christmas Vigil: from Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens in London. Conductor: Metropolitan Anthony of Surozh. Commentator: Alyona Kojevnikov. Ends at **1.30am**

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.42** More Wrestling than Dancing with David Moreau (3) Under Oath **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** Midweek with Libby Purves (s) **10.00** News; Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones, Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sid Robertson visit Nunthorpe Gardening Club in Cleveland to answer members' questions **10.30** Morning Story: Mr Brown and Prudence, by Pamela Street. Read by Margaret Ward **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Lawyers in Action: A two-part journey into the closeted world of solicitors and barristers: (1) The sucesses and failures of a Warwickshire firm of solicitors (r) **11.47** Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow answers listeners' questions **12.00** News; You and Yours with John Buckley **12.25** Talking Theatre: Robert Cushman in conversation with Tom Stoppard (new series) (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** News, and The World at One presented by Nick Worrall **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Rhiannon Chapman, a Stock Exchange director; plus part 3 of the serial Fiela's Child **3.00** News; Josie — Family and Friends, by Rachel Wyatt. With Angela Pleasence (s) **3.47** Time for Verse: George Macbeth talks to Cornish poet Charles Causley about his life and work. The reader is Michael Deacon **4.00** News **4.05** The Fifth Most Powerful Man in Europe: A selection of readings from the diaries of Tom Jones who was assistant Secretary to the Cabinet Office from 1916 and into the Second World War. Presented by Stan Lloyd (r) **4.45** Kaleidoscope Extra: Christopher Bigsby reports on two theatre companies — Unicorn and Whirligig — who are trying to encourage the habit of theatre-going in children **5.00** PM presented by Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** News with Bryan Martin, incl Financial Report **6.30** Fear on 4 (new series): 12 horror and suspense stories (1) The Snowman Killing, by J C W Brook. (see Choice) (s) (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Face the Facts: John Waite reviews a year of investigations on Radio 4, and provides an up-date on what has happened since (r) **7.45** Whose Line Is it Anyway? Clive Anderson chairs a series of ad-libbed comic games with John Sessions and Stephen Fry and special guests Lenny Henry and Dawn French (s) (r) (see Choice) **8.15** Medicine Now: Geoff Watts visits Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (r) **8.45** Mariya Yudina: Elizabeth Wilson tells the story of one of Russia's greatest pianists who died in 1970. With Paola Dionisotti and John Moffatt (r) (s) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Presented by Christopher Cook. Includes items on the Temba Theatre Company's production of Black Love Songs at the Olc Vic and the period comedy film The Woo Woo Kid which opens in London this week; plus a rewew of Andrew Savulich's exhibition, New York City, at the Photographers' Gallery **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: Bevis, by Richard Jefferies (episode 3 of 15) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight presented by Alexander MacLeod **11.15** The Financial World Tonight: Business news and market trends **11.30** A Woman's Touch: Martha Argerich plays piano music by Brahms, Ravel and Chopin (records) (r) (s) **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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Prison staff vote 3 to 1 for strikes on manning

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Prison officers' leaders yesterday announced a vote of three to one among their membership in favour of industrial action including strikes in a dispute with the Home Office over manning levels.

Mr David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers's Association, called on the Home Secretary to respond to complaints that 240 new prison jobs had not been created, and said that industrial action would be inevitable within a month if the Government failed to negotiate.

A statement from the Home Office yesterday said that any resort to industrial action was unnecessary and misguided. The worries of prison officers about manning were recognized and the department was always ready to talk.

Mr John Bartell, chairman of the association, will give the full reaction to the ballot today. Association officials are considering this week what form any action might take.

Last night, as branches of the association round the country learnt the details of the count, the head office in London confirmed that the voting held late last year had produced 9,385 votes in favour of industrial action against a total of 3,700 against.

More than 13,000 prison officers took part in the voting out of a membership of up to 19,000.

The ballot paper told members to vote "yes" or "no" to industrial action in view of Home Office policy on "civilianization" in the prison service which would adversely affect recruitment of trained prison officers.

The ballot paper also said that the shortage of prison officers in the service was being disguised by distortion of national agreements with the officers' association.

Lord Caithness, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for prisons, said in a statement after the result was announced: "Any resort to industrial action at this time is both unnecessary and misguided. Ensuring proper security and control in our prisons is vital and industrial action should clearly be avoided which in any way places this at risk.

"We recognize the concern of prison officers about the level of staff and their interest in moves to civilianization. We have always been ready to talk about these issues."

The statement said the position on manpower was being reviewed, and that a study had been made of manning in the prisons. "Civilianization" had been taking place for some years in the prison service but no proposals had been produced covering new areas.

A new class for race-row head

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the infants' school head at the centre of a race dispute with left-wing Brent Council, started a new job with a Conservative borough yesterday.

She said that she would put behind her the four-month suspension and threats of disciplinary action, which was ended by the surprise intervention of Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Leaving Brent, with its rigid race policy and staffing problems, she has accepted the headship — and a £1,200 drop in salary — of Queenswell Infants' School, a modest one-storey wooden hut in Barnet, near Brent.

Miss McGoldrick, aged 41, was paraded before photographers by Mr Roy Schutz, Barnet's education chairman, and Mr Neil Gill, the education director, who said that 1,800 secondary pupils and 600 primary pupils from Brent now chose to attend Barnet schools.

Mr Shutz said that Miss McGoldrick got the job because of her straightforward management style. But there was no mistaking the air of having scored a significant propaganda coup over a left-wing Labour borough, one in four of whose children are now being educated outside it.

Miss McGoldrick, smiling and relaxed, began the day playing with her pupils. Some are from a local housing estate for the Army's Courier and Post Service and the Queen's Regiment and some are the children of Japanese businessmen.

She admitted that she had moved because of the ordeal, which began when a Brent official accused her of making a "racist remark".

Mrs McGoldrick said yesterday: "I am glad to be back in Barnet where I worked for over more than eight years. I am sure the staff, the parents, the governors and the education authority, will work positively for the benefit of the children."



Miss McGoldrick singing along with her new charges yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Israel and UK try to calm Gaza row

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said that he had only served to hamper the efforts to restore order to the territories.

Mr Sharon was particularly incensed by the way Mr Mellor had spoken to the army officer, rather than complaining through proper channels.

"That remark was made by someone who maybe doesn't remember that Great Britain is not ruling anymore in this country," he said.

But at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, which welcomed Britain's support for an international peace conference on the Middle East, efforts were made to cool the situation down.

In Whitehall, sources who speak for Mr Mellor's immediate superior, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said that the Minister of State's remarks were fully consistent with long-established Government policies.

He was acting as the Government's representative in making his criticisms.

Whitehall did not accept an unofficial Israeli view that the offence lay not in what he said, but the way that he said it.

It was the Government's policy to be trenchant and to tell people what they did not want to hear, one official said, waving a handful of copies of a speech made by Sir Geoffrey in October.

The Foreign Secretary had spoken of the "brutalizing effects of two decades of occupation of Arab territories" and "inhuman proposals for relocation of Palestinian inhabitants".

His speech received only token press coverage at the time. But he made it at a Friends of Israel lunch in Blackpool, on the fringe of the Tory Party conference, and not in Gaza. It was balanced with warm tributes to Israel's achievements.

Mr Mellor's remarks delighted the London representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Mr Faisal Awaidah. He detected a thaw in relations and held out the possibility of benefits for Britain.

Mr Awaidah said: "The good will could open a lot of doors to British trade, business and tourism. Influential Arabs in London are seeing it as rather encouraging, and this could even lead to pressure being exerted in Lebanon to free the hostages."

But sources in Whitehall responded to his view with some scepticism. It was felt that nothing had happened to warrant such euphoria.

Whitehall to introduce tougher foam controls

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"The furniture market, however, is so competitive that only legislation will make people pay a penny more for their foam", Mr Stan Pitts, general manager of the industrial division of Dunlopillo, said. The firm introduced Carefoam DX last year, a material with a much-improved ignition resistance plus reduced fume emission and heat release.

The Furniture Industry Research Association said yesterday that manufacturers were opposed to a blanket ban on the use of foam — worth £120 million-plus to British producers each year — but favoured "progressive" steps towards safer materials.

"We want this to be done by legislation and then everyone will have to conform. Otherwise, manufacturers sticking with the cheaper materials will get an unfair price advantage", said Mr Tony Spillard, assistant director of the association.

The number of people who perish in fires as a result of fumes from the foam are put as high as 300 a year. The three children who died yesterday are all believed to have been overcome by smoke.

Craig Pegg, aged seven, his step-brother Christopher Vincent, aged four, and their sister Samantha Vincent, aged three, died in their bedrooms during the blaze at an end-of-terrace house in Stevenage.

Firemen using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation succeeded in reviving their mother, Mrs Ann Pegg, aged 30, and last night she was in a serious but stable condition in the intensive care unit at University College Hospital.

General Motors drives home its revived pride

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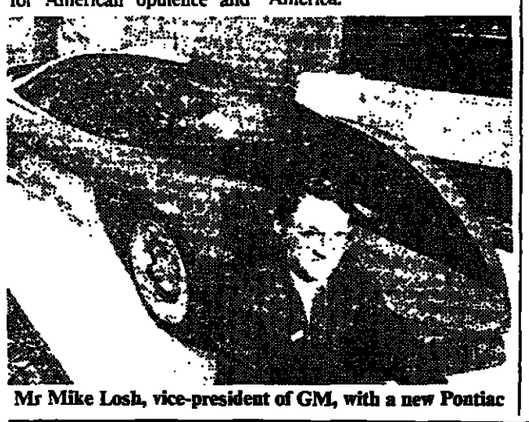
Machiavellian intrigue still gripped the company, which employs 900,000 people.

A look at the pride of GM's line-up is enough to reassure anyone worried that German-style luxury or Japanese quality are about to deprive Americans of the big upholstered highway cruisers that the country has long loved and briefly abandoned for small foreign upstarts in the 1970s.

Like the Fords and Chryslers, the new Pontiacs, Chevrolets and the others still speak for American opulence and romance. They never have numbers, just names which often suggest manly violence, such as Cutlass and Beretta, or romatic places, such as Bonneville.

The new GM cars are "truly the heartbeat of America," said Mr Bob Stemple, president of the corporation, in a speech backing up the chief executive.

GM's travails are, in many ways, a metaphor for the whole country, just as they were in the days of the old saying, "What is good for General Motors is good for America."



Mr Mike Losh, vice-president of GM, with a new Pontiac

Occupational stress

Women 'are better managers'

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Stress caused by male managers is costing the country billions of pounds a year and women bosses could be good for workers' health, according to a leading authority on occupational stress. Professor Cary Cooper, who heads the stress unit at Manchester's Institute of Science and Technology, told a conference there that the next generation of women managers had the human skills to steer British industry through technological change.

Men's style of management contributed to stress and stopped workers from producing their best. British management still tended to be autocratic, compared to that in other countries, he said.

Professor Cooper said that stress at work costs Britain between 5 and 10 per cent of the gross national product (which is now about £300 billion a year) through ill-health, disease and death.

"Stress at work is closely related to the amount of control people feel they have over their area of responsibility. British managers — mostly men — are not, in general, too good at allowing their subordinates this kind of freedom, because they are too sensitive about their own power". They also tended to manage by punishment rather than praise, but women operated differently.

He said that that where counsellors had been introduced to advise on stress problems the number of related problems had fallen.

Professor Cooper pointed out that one in every four new businesses was being set up by a woman and more women than ever were leaving universities looking for a career in management. Yet still more than 95 per cent of company directors and 90 per cent of managers were men.

Professor Cooper's views follow a report warning businessmen that the high incomes they earn are a gamble against their health due to stress and other factors.

Writing in the current edition of *Director*, the magazine of the Institute of Directors, Dr Andrew Melhuish, medical adviser to Henley Management College, says: "Only they can judge whether the rewards balance the risks."

He refers to a recent post-Big Bang survey of 250 City high-flyers carried out by City Health Care, which found that stress, long hours, too much alcohol and too little exercise led to raised blood pressure (18.1 per cent), significant overweight (15.2 per cent), undiagnosed serious heart disease (2.5 per cent), less serious heart problems (7.1 per cent), impaired liver function (6.8 per cent), raised blood cholesterol levels (9.6 per cent), and 30.6 per cent were heavy smokers.

Last night, Mr Chris Jessop, a director of City Health Care, said that since the survey, it had been noticeable that the ages of men referred to the clinic by their companies had fallen. Even a year ago the usual age was in the late 30s, early 40s group. Now companies were beginning to worry about the stresses imposed on employees in their mid-20s.

Mr Jessop said the ratio of men to women seen at the clinic was about 90 per cent to 10 percent, which reflected the ratio of women working at higher levels of business.

The conference on stress at Manchester University was told that dealing with death, rather than the lack of Health Service resources, was the main cause of stress among nurses.

Floods hit south coast

By Peter Mulligan

Heavy rain and high tides brought flooding to parts of the south coast yesterday while light snow fell in Scotland.

At Ryde on the Isle of Wight, basements in dozens of properties were filled with up to five feet of rainwater which poured off nearby hills.

Firemen had to wait for the high tide to recede before pumping out thousands of gallons of water. Police were advising motorists to drive with extra care on the island and warning of flash floods.

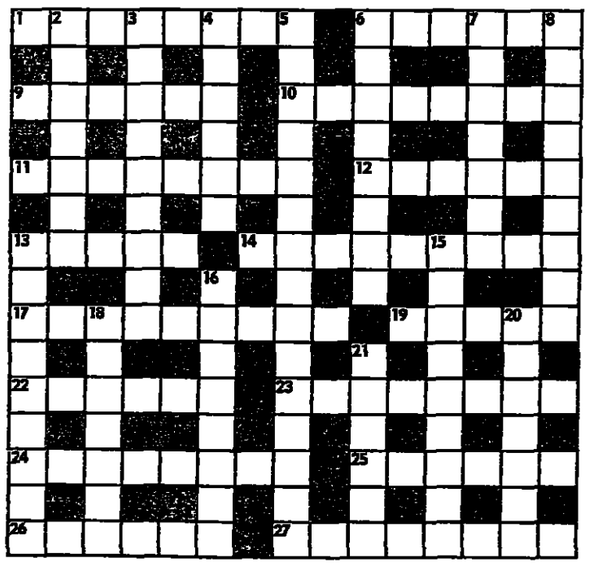
In Havant, near Portsmouth, firemen rescued an elderly man trapped in his car in a flooded car park.

Weather forecasters were expecting more rain to fall overnight and windy, showery and colder weather to follow, with heavy showers this afternoon and evening on the South coast. Elsewhere it will remain very showery, some of the showers wintry, a spokesman for the London Weather Centre said.

Meanwhile, Avon County Council is planning to detect the approach of snow with the help of 16 electronic weather sensors.

The cost of installation will be £339,000 but surveyors believe this will quickly pay for itself as the cost of salting the county's highways when weathermen forecast snow, sometimes wrongly, is £13,000 a night.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,558



ACROSS
1 In favour of a lock for defence (8).
6 Concerning a very little matter (6).
9 Ornamental cloth discolouring others in the wash? (6).
10 Riding-master moving fitfully against the current (8).
11 Swimmer circling, always restless (8).
12 Take up residence in Ribblesdale (6).
13 Steady and sober, a good man to promote (5).
14 Tried on extremely exciting new garment (9).
17 Many an anarchist, corrupt and reckless (9).
19 First appearance of union leader with certain liabilities (5).
22 Curtain material from Communist China? (6).
23 Sound lad with energy — a supporter in emergencies (8).
24 Response to obscurantism? (8).
25 Like the preceding figures, by gum! (6).
26 Teas one's prepared for the rest of the afternoon (6).
27 Harsh head of school I'd put in the river (8).

DOWN
2 Rich man in cipher place (7).
3 Tree's nine great characters (9).
4 Six-footer giving attention to an old politician, say (6).
5 Hants resort's estates include one in the Pacific (5,3,7).
6 Two creatures at home to John Wilkes Booth (8).
7 A great conductor rates badly in Missouri (7).
8 Able to force student to leave temporary accommodation (9).
13 Border poet with whiskers (9).
15 Old, and such a loon, was the Mariner (4-5).
16 Some cooking fashionable among the French? (8).
18 Fury about current measure leads to violent behaviour (7).
20 After University, leading Scotsman becomes an idealist (7).
21 A fellow above-board in business (6).

Concise Crossword, page 7

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

TEMPEAN
a. Punctual
b. Rash
c. Charming

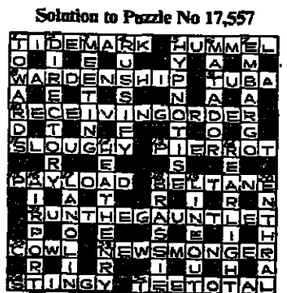
CUMUMIFORM
a. A form of hieroglyph
b. Shaped like a cucumber
c. The purlin of a roof

SHIVAREE
a. A charivari
b. A tertian ague
c. A din

YOD
a. A country bumpkin
b. To march across country
c. A letter

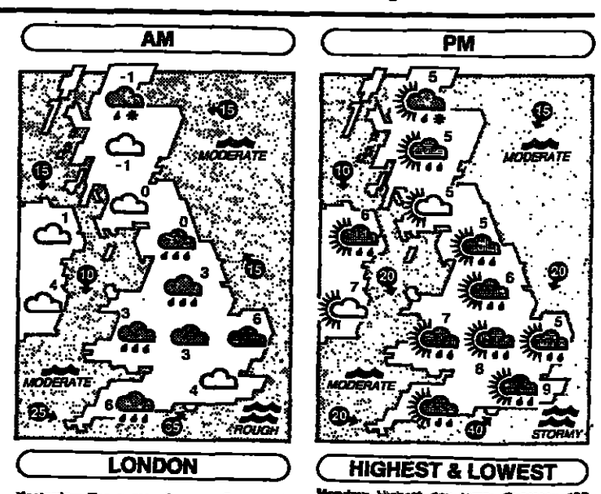
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,557



WEATHER

East and south-east England will begin cloudy with rain before brighter intervals arrive. Eastern Scotland, north-east England and the Midlands will begin clear with some frost followed by scattered showers. The rest of the country will be changeable, with some heavy showers, wintry in the North. It will be generally mild. The South and East will have gales. Outlook: Dry and cooler, although mild on Friday.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Akrotiri	f	15	59	Majorca	f	16	61
Alex'dria	c	14	57	Malaga	f	14	57
Algiers	s	20	68	Malta	s	18	61
Athens	s	18	61	Melb'rne	s	21	70
Bahrain	s	19	66	Montreal*	c	-1	30
Barcelna	s	14	57	Moscow	c	1	34
Berlin	c	8	46	Munich	f	13	55
Bermuda*	f	21	70	Nairobi	f	27	81
Biarritz	s	15	59	N Delhi	f	16	61
Borde'x	f	15	59	N York*	s	3	37
Brussels	r	12	54	Nice	s	15	61
B Aires*	s	36	97	Oslo	c	2	36
Cairo	c	17	63	Paris	f	11	52
Cape Tn	s	24	75	Peking	s	3	37
C'blanca	f	18	64	Perth	s	28	82
Ch'church	c	15	59	Reykjvik	s	-13	9
C'phagn	f	6	43	Rhodes	s	17	63
Corfu	s	17	63	Rio de J	f	30	86
Dublin	f	7	45	Riyadh	s	18	64
Dubrovnik	s	16	61	Rome	f	15	59
Faro	s	17	63	S F'cisco*	r	9	48
Florence	c	13	55	S Paulo*	c	26	79
Funchal	f	20	68	Seoul	s	1	34
Geneva	s	11	52	Sing'por	f	30	86
Gibraltar	f	16	61	Strasb'rg	f	13	55
Helsinki	c	3	37	Sydney	s	23	73
Hong K	s	20	68	Tangier	s	16	61
Innsbruck	s	8	46	Tel aviv	c	17	63
Istanbul	s	13	55	Tenerife	c	20	68
Jeddah	f	31	88	Tokyo	c	7	45
Karachi	s	24	75	Tunis	s	18	64
L Palmas	f	19	66	Valencia	f	15	59
Le Touet	r	11	52	Vanc'ver	c	-1	30
Lisbon	c	15	59	Venice	c	7	45
Locarno	s	5	41	Vienna	c	12	54
L Angels*	f	15	59	Wash'ton*	f	1	34
Luxemby	f	10	50	Wel'ton	f	17	63
Madrid	f	8	46	Zurich	s	12	54

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.6	.01	4	39	bright
Bridlington	3.1	-	5	41	bright
Cromer	-	.07	5	41	rain
Clacton	0.1	.61	9	48	rain
Southend	-	.64	10	50	shower
Folkestone	-	.31	11	52	rain
Hastings	-	.30	11	52	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	.33	11	52	cloudy
Brighton	0.1	.40	10	50	shower
Littlehmptn	0.2	.44	11	52	shower
Bognor R	0.2	.50	11	52	rain
Southsea	-	1.31	11	52	rain
Sandown	-	.68	11	52	rain
Bournemth	-	.53	11	52	shower
Weymouth	1.3	.45	11	52	shower
Exmouth	0.1	.44	11	52	shower
Torquay	0.5	.57	11	52	rain
Falmouth	2.6	.40	11	52	bright
Penzance	1.7	.36	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	1.8	.24	11	52	bright
Newquay	2.3	.16	11	52	bright
Ilfracombe	-	.05	10	50	bright
Minehead	0.3	.07	9	48	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Carlisle	1.4	.02	7	45	shower
Nottingham	0.9	.02	6	43	drizzle
Anglesey	2.6	-	9	48	shower
Tenby	0.1	.16	9	48	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	-	5	41	shower
Aviemore	-	-	-1	30	snow
Eskdalemuir	-	.13	3	37	snow
Kinloss	-	-	2	36	bright
Lerwick	1.3	.18	5	41	shower
Prestwick	-	.27	5	41	shower
Stornoway	2.0	-	4	39	bright
Tiree	1.7	.15	6	43	rain
Wick	2.4	-	4	39	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.03	6.7	3.27	6.8
Aberdeen	2.37	3.9	2.33	4.1
Avonmouth	8.29	12.3	8.53	11.9
Bettest	12.07	3.1	12.22	3.5
Cardiff	8.14	11.4	8.38	11.1
Devonport	6.57	5.3	7.18	5.0
Dover	12.10	6.4	12.21	6.1
Falmouth	6.27	5.1	6.48	4.8
Glasgow	2.14	4.3	1.54	4.9
Harwich	12.57	3.7	1.20	3.7
Holyhead	11.37	5.4	—	—
Ilfracombe	7.44	6.6	7.45	6.9
Leith	7.12	8.6	7.33	8.4
Liverpool	3.55	5.1	4.07	5.2
Lowestoft	12.19	8.6	12.34	8.9
Margate	11.11	2.2	10.49	2.4
Milford Haven	1.00	4.5	1.34	4.5
Newquay	7.35	6.6	7.56	6.3
Oban	6.25	6.6	5.48	6.4
Portland	6.51	3.8	7.25	3.7
Penzance	5.56	5.4	6.18	5.1
Portland	8.07	2.1	8.38	1.8
Portsmouth	12.38	4.3	12.41	4.3
Shoreham	12.18	5.9	12.21	5.8
Southampton	12.07	4.2	12.06	4.2
Swansea	7.38	8.8	7.59	8.6
Tees	4.58	5.0	5.04	5.3
Wilton-on-Ntze	12.50	3.9	1.14	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.655	2.515
Austria Sch	21.55	20.45
Belgium Fr	64.75	61.55
Canada $	2.455	2.335
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28
Finland Mrk	7.62	7.22
France Fr	10.41	9.91
Germany Dm	3.09	2.93
Greece Dr	270	250
Hong Kong $	14.65	13.95
Ireland Pt	1.165	1.105
Italy Lire	2285	2155
Japan Yen	241	229
Netherlands Gld	3.465	3.295
Norway Kr	12.05	11.40
Portugal Esc	253	240
South Africa Rd	4.60	3.90
Spain Pta	209	196
Sweden Kr	11.21	10.56
Switzerland Fr	2.505	2.385
USA $	1.905	1.815
Yugoslavia Dnr	3100	2400

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.4 (November)

London: The *FT* Index closed up 35.1 at 1657.1.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.41 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 994.0 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.37 pm to 7.35 am
Bristol 4.47 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.25 pm to 8.12 am
Manchester 4.35 pm to 7.54 am
Penzance 5.05 pm to 7.50 am

Sun rises: 8.05 am — Sun sets: 4.07 pm
Moon sets: 9.52 am — Moon rises: 8.29 pm
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Guernsey 12C (54F); lowest day max: Aberdeen, Grampian 1C (34F); highest rainfall: Linton-on-Ouse, North Yorkshire 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex 5.5 hr.

MANCHESTER

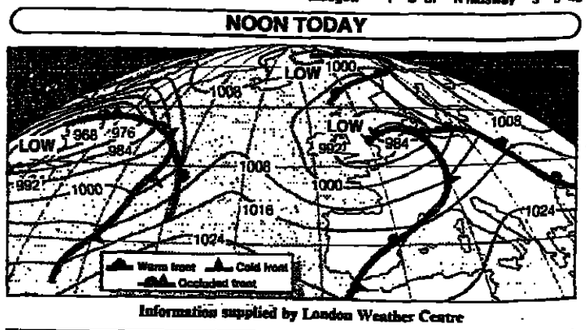
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.8 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	c	4	39	Guernsey	c	11	52
B'mngham	f	5	41	Inverness	c	0	32
Blackpool	s	6	43	Jersey	c	11	52
Bristol	c	7	45	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	c	7	45	M'chester	s	6	43
Edinburgh	r	3	37	Newcastle	s	5	41
Glasgow	r	3	37	R'midway	s	9	48

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1437.1 (+35.1)

FT-SE 100
1789.6 (+42.1)

Bargains
27878 (17944)

USM (Datastream)
140.79 (+2.33)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8280 (–0.0445)

W German mark
2.9751 (+0.0016)

Trade-weighted
75.4 (–0.5)

ICL cuts S African interests

ICL says it will scale back its interests in South Africa by selling part of its 93 per cent shareholding in its South African subsidiary to a local conglomerate for undisclosed terms.

The British computer company, which is part of STC, has been doing business in South Africa through its subsidiary ICL South Africa Ltd since 1968.

ICL said the British parent company would repatriate some of the capital invested in its South African operation, but declined to give further details. It is to form a new holding company for its South African interests jointly controlled by ICL in Britain and Malbak Ltd, a local industrial holding company. It declined to give precise figures on shareholdings.

FNFC soars

First National Finance Corporation shared a successful year with its shareholders yesterday, awarding them a 33 per cent dividend increase to 11.99p net. Profits before tax for the year to October 31 jumped 46 per cent to a record £53.1 million and earnings per share rose 13 per cent to 30.9p.

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Magazine buy

Reader's Digest said it had acquired the magazine *Family Handyman*, which has a circulation of 1.2 million, from Maxwell Communications for an undisclosed sum.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2049.73 (+34.48)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 21575.28 (+358.24)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2403.22 (+116.93)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 218.0 (+12.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1309.4 (+12.0)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1284.5 (+47.4)
Brussels:
General ..... 3702.2 (+93.9)
Paris: CAC ..... 283.0 (+8.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 425.5 (+18.9)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 907.74 (+21.44)
FT.– "500" ..... 1000.54 (+22.77)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 295.9 (–3.0)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 94.72 (+0.11)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.37 (–0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Standard Chart ..... 495p (+30p)
Body Shop ..... 765p (+40p)
WPP Group ..... 452½p (+50p)
Barclays Bank ..... 487½p (+25p)
J Jarvis ..... 675p (+25p)
Reed Intnl ..... 421p (+25p)
Inchcape ..... 647½p (+24p)
Beecham ..... 474p (+19p)
Eurotherm ..... 292½p (+22p)
Cookson ..... 557p (+33p)
Candover ..... 295p (+25p)
Henderson Admin ..... 745p (+60p)
Ashtead ..... 370p (+20p)
Daejan Holdings ..... 775p (+50p)
BAT Industries ..... 469½p (+25p)
British Aerospace ..... 351p (+18p)
British Airways ..... 161½p (+13p)
Courtaulds ..... 355½p (+15p)

FALLS:
Tip Top Drug ..... 112½p (–21p)
Securiguard ..... 177½p (–17p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 9 1/16–8 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 8 13/32–8⅜% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 7⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.96-5.94%*
30-year bonds 99 28/32–99 27/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8280	£: $1.8305*
£: DM2.9751	$: DM1.6265*
£: SwFr2.4294	$: SwFr1.3295*
£: FFr10.0631	$: FFr5.5050*
£: Yen231.97	$: Yen127.20*
£: Index:75.4	$: Index:93.0
ECU £0.693205	SDR £0.754865

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $477.30- pm-$475.50
close $478.00-478.50 (£261.50-262.00)
New York:
Comex $480.20-480.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $17.70bbl ($17.35)
* Denotes latest trading price

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US currency advances as central banks step up support

Dollar surges 4.5 cents

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar surged against all the main currencies yesterday, encouraged by persistent and concerted central bank support and reports of large commercial buying orders.

The pound fell by 4.5 cents as the dollar rose strongly through the DM1.60 barrier, closing in London with a rise of four pfennigs. The dollar also rose strongly against the yen.

Dealers said the rise did not mean the dollar's troubles were over, but acknowledged the skill of the central banks' support operation over the past two days.

The dollar's rise maintained the mood of optimism in equity markets, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 42.3 points up at 1,789.8. The Dow Jones industrial average was 34.32 points up at 2,049.57 in afternoon trading, after its 76-point rise on Monday.

Shares of companies with large dollar earnings led the gains in London — Jaguar, BOC, Glaxo and ICI all showed double-figure rises in a generally buoyant market.

But government stocks lost ground, closing around half a point lower, partly because of the Bank of England's announcement of a £1 billion auction of medium-dated stock on January 13.

The auction, of Treasury 8¾ per cent 1997, will be the third in the Bank of England's experiment. The first call on the partly paid stock will be on February 25.

The dollar's strong rise yesterday owed much to the continued presence of the leading central banks in the market. Dealers said the operation had been conducted with skill, in that official purchases of dollars had been heavily flagged.

In addition, some operators may have confused genuine commercial purchases of dollars for central bank support.

As well as the Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York intervened on behalf of the US authorities for the second day running.

The central banks of Italy, Switzerland, Canada and Austria also stepped in. The Bank of France cut its money market intervention rate — the key interest rate — from 7.75 to 7.5 per cent, taking advantage of the franc's strength within the European Monetary System.

The pound closed 4.5 cents down at $1.8278, its trade-weighted index 0.5 points lower at 75.4.

The dollar rose by four pfennigs to DM1.6275, and

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from Y122.93 to Y126.90, 5 per cent up on the lows recorded on Monday.

But analysts were cautious about whether the action by central banks was likely to lead to a steadier dollar in the longer term.

"In the past we've seen the central banks doing this sort of thing," said Mr Stephen Lewis, director of economic research at Phillips & Drew. "What we don't know is whether the dollar can attain free-standing stability."

The pre-Christmas statement from the Group of Seven finance ministers and central bankers, as well as saying that a further fall in the dollar would be counter-productive, warned against a "destabilizing" rise in the dollar's value.



Under pressure: a currency dealer in Tokyo yesterday, as the dollar's recovery continued

US intervenes again

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US authorities intervened again yesterday to stabilize the dollar, ending a period of "benign neglect" which allowed the currency to fall by more than 50 per cent against other leading currencies over the past three years.

Traders said the Federal Reserve Bank of New York bought dollars more aggressively yesterday and on Monday than at any time in the last eight months. The action was authorized by the Federal Reserve Board after close consultation with the US Treasury.

The co-ordinated action by western central banks, to stem the dollar's record fall early in the New Year, was seen as a strong signal that US officials were finally in agreement that the dollar had fallen far enough.

Based on the intervention levels detected by traders, Mr Stephen Axilrod, a former senior official of the Fed, said it appeared the Group of Seven nations had set a floor of Y120 against the dollar during their recent negotiations. Mr Axilrod is vice-chairman of Nikko Securities in New York.

$3.7bn leap in reserves beats market forecasts

By Our Economics Correspondent

Britain's official reserves jumped by $3.74 billion (£1.97 billion) last month, the Treasury announced yesterday, well above market expectations. For 1987 as a whole, the reserves more than doubled to $44.3 billion (£23.49 billion), largely as a result of Bank of England efforts to hold down sterling.

Market expectations had been for a rise in the reserves of about $1.5 billion, in response to the upward pressure on sterling in the first half of last month, before lower oil prices pushed the pound down.

The sharper than expected rise suggests the upward pressure then was stronger than had been detected and, in addition, the Bank intervened in some quantity to support the dollar after the Group of Seven's December 23 statement.

The rise in the reserves last month may also have reflected some swapping out of earlier intervention.

Treasury officials would not discuss details of intervention last month, but reiterated the Chancellor's declared policy of holding the pound stable, particularly against the mark.

The rise in Britain's reserves last month exceeded that of Japan, which announced a $3.44 billion December increase in its reserves in Tokyo yesterday.

"These figures show that we have underestimated the underlying strength of sterling," said Mr Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel. "They back up our view that even with a current account deficit there will be no problem with Britain's capital account."

Mr Stephen Lewis, director of economic research at Phillips & Drew, said the sharp rise in the reserves had removed pressure for a rise in base rates.

"My feeling is that a rise in base rates at this juncture would be inconceivable," he said.

The actual rise in the reserves last month was $3.05 billion. The total increase was from $41.28 billion at the end of November to $44.33 billion at the end of last month.

The underlying rise in the reserves for the whole of last year was $20.48 billion. The level of the reserves more than doubled from $21.92 billion at the end of December 1986.

UK RESERVES

	Reserves ($m)	Change ($m)
Jan	21,952	+72
Feb	22,257	+287
Mar*	27,039*	+1,785
Apr	29,087	+2,912
May	34,679	+4,760
Jun	34,364	-230
July	34,915	+499
Aug	34,365	-457
Sep	34,808	+380
Oct	41,399	+6,699
Nov	41,281	+31
Dec	44,326	+3,737

*With gold revaluation, $895m.

BP downgrades profits forecast by £100 million

By Carol Ferguson

British Petroleum has downgraded its 1987 historical cost profits forecast, made at the time of the Government's offer for sale last October, by £100 million to £1,350 million. However, the replacement cost profits forecast (excluding stock profits and losses), which analysts regard as equally important in assessing the progress of the group, increased by £50 million to £1,300 million.

The announcement was timed to put shareholders fully in the picture before deciding whether to accept the Bank of England's offer of 70p for their partly paid shares before the safety net provisions expire at 3pm this afternoon.

The news was met with indifference by the market. Early gains of 4p to 263p were more or less maintained through the day. The partly paid shares rose 2p to 73p.

BP based its original profits forecast for the final quarter of the year on the oil price and exchange rate ruling last autumn — a Brent oil price of $18.50 a barrel and an exchange rate of $1.65/£1 giving a sterling oil price of £11.20 a barrel. In the event, failure of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to agree production reductions caused the oil price to fall to $18.00 and fears about the US economy weakened the exchange rate, resulting in a sterling oil price nearly 10 per cent below expectations.

The lower sterling oil price reduces profits from oil production, but increases profits from refining and marketing on a replacement cost basis because selling prices for products such as petrol and heating oil do not fall as rapidly as the raw material costs.

On an historical cost basis, the downstream gains are insufficient to offset the upstream losses as higher cost oil stocks are brought into account, resulting in a net reduction in the total profit forecast overall.

Since the Bank of England announced that it had bought around 250,000 partly paid shares just before Christmas, the pace of applications has increased. But it confirmed that the number of shares it has bought remains very small in relation to the size of the issue.

There is still time for a last minute rush. The institutions always wait until very late and

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other shareholders can deliver their shares to local High Street banks — the National Westminster Bank in England and Wales, the Bank of Scotland in Scotland and the Ulster Bank in Northern Ireland.

The Kuwait Investment Office is thought to have added another 10 million BP shares to its holdings, and its interest is now nudging 18.5 per cent.

Meanwhile, British Petroleum is putting the finishing touches to its 450p a share offer for Britoil. It plans to post the formal offer document to Britoil shareholders early next week.

Atlantic Richfield, the rival suitor for Britoil, edged its stake up to 21.63 per cent.

S&F in own share plan

By Lawrence Lever

Singer & Friedlander Group, which is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market after its reversal into the Gilbert House investments shell company last year, said yesterday that it is seeking authority to buy its own shares.

Singer's shares plummeted to a low of 48p during the October market crash, having returned from suspension after the deal with Gilbert House at 118p. They closed unchanged at 67p yesterday.

The market crash has not affected the profit forecast made by the bank at the time of the deal. It forecast that in the year to December 31 1987 it would at least equal its 1986 result of £12 million pretax. Gilbert House, which changed its name to Singer & Friedlander Group, yesterday announced results for the six months to last September 30 which encompass one month's contribution from Singer.

These include an extraordinary item of £227,000 covering compensation for loss of office paid to Mr Paul Kleeman, a former non-executive director of Gilbert House.

They also show pretax profits of £2.8 million and earnings per share up from 0.014p to 1.6p. There is no interim dividend.

Record for Sandell Perkins

By Alexandra Jackson

Sandell Perkins, the leading builders' merchanting company in the South of England, reported record profits in the six months to end-September with pretax profits and turnover up 30 per cent to £6.2 million and £71.8 million respectively. An interim dividend of 1.6p (1.3p) was recommended.

Demand for building products has been buoyant during 1987, reported Mr Timothy Perkins, the chairman, with volumes 10 per cent ahead. The company is active only in the South-east, so its sales advanced by 12.5 per cent.

Eight new branches were added — two of which were greenfield sites — and seven tool- hire departments were installed. This compares with two new branches and four tool-hire operations in the second half of last year.

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Clark waits on Martell sale

By Joe Joseph

The battle between Grand Metropolitan, the British hotels and drinks group, and the Seagram spirits company of Canada for control of Martell could have a big impact on Matthew Clark & Sons, the wines and spirits distributor which has handled British sales of the cognac for more than 150 years.

While GrandMet awaits a nod from the French Government to proceed with its £368 million bid for Martell, and Seagram tries to persuade France's finance ministry of the validity of its deal to buy the 41 per cent family stake in the cognac house, Matthew Clark is waiting to learn how its sole distribution deal with Martell might be affected if the company changed hands.

Mr Francis Gordon Clark, Matthew Clark's chairman and a descendant of the eponymous Mr Matthew Clark who began his business as an auctioneer of wines and spirits in the City in 1810, said yesterday: "We are spectators at the moment, awaiting the deliberations of the French Government. Until we know whether Martell is going to belong to somebody else — and who that is — our position is unknown.

"Neither GrandMet or Seagram, at this stage, are in a position to discuss distribution arrangements in the UK or anywhere else."

Both suitors are too busy pressing their cases with the authorities in Paris and too cautious about ruffling feathers to make predictions about what might happen were its bid to succeed.

But if the victor decided to leave the current arrangements in place, it would only be after peering very closely at a distribution deal which gives Matthew Clark sole rights to Britain's best-selling brandy, commanding 40 per cent of the 1.3 million or so cases sold in this country each year.

Some analysts speculate that neither Seagram nor GrandMet would be eager to rubber stamp Martell's deal with Matthew Clark.

They say Seagram wants to boost its profile in Europe, while it would seem curious for GrandMet to let Matthew Clark handle Martell in Britain while GrandMet carried on with its own distribution deal for the rival cognac, Hennessy.

But others argue that distribution deals are complex enough for the Matthew Clark-Martell franchise to survive any change of ownership of the French firm.

"We don't know what the small print in the distribution deal with Martell says," said one drinks industry analyst. "Matthew Clark has done very well with the brand. To break an existing agreement is rather expensive. Companies have to be compensated."

Matthew Clark — which also handles De Kuyper, Bushmills Irish whiskey, Tattinger champagne and Stones ginger wine — does not reveal how much it relies on Martell. It will say only that "it's a very good agency, but it's by no means the only one."

Sears lifts Freemans bid to £477m

By Alison Eadie

Sears, the retailing group, has raised its cash bid for Freemans, the mail order company, by nearly 11 per cent to £477 million and declared the bid final. Freemans remained undaunted and continued to reject the bid.

Mr John Brooman, Freemans' chairman, said the increased offer did no more than reflect the upward adjustment in stock market indexes since the bid was launched in mid-December.

He said the bid continued to ignore the special position of Freemans in the mail order industry and said that Freemans' shareholders, not Sears', should receive the full benefit of the company's unique position in a growing industry.

Sears said that its increased offer of 315p a share against 285p previously represented an exit multiple of 22.7 times Freemans' prospective earnings, assuming profits in the year ending this month remain flat.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Sears' chairman, said that attempts to meet the Freemans board had been rebuffed, so the company had decided to put its final offer on the table and let shareholders decide. The bid will close on January 22 and will be extended if a rival emerges.

Sears was yesterday buying Freemans shares in the market at 315p and is thought to have picked up another 4 per cent in addition to the 10 per cent it bought in a dawn raid the day it launched its bid. Freemans shares closed 13p higher at 311p.

Former Guinness director was key adviser to Talisman

Roux helped to plan Cope deal

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Olivier Roux, the former finance director at Guinness, has emerged as a key figure behind the £210 million acquisition of the Cope Allman packaging and amusement machine group.

Mr Roux has worked closely with two of his previous colleagues at Bain & Company, the management consultants, in beating off tough competition to acquire Cope Allman from Henlys, which is controlled by Mr Michael Ashcroft's Hawley Group.

Mr Roux, who left Guinness in the wake of last year's scandal, has been examining various takeover targets for Mr Richard Grogan, 34, and Mr David Hoare, 37, who left Bain some months ago using a newly-formed investment company, Talisman Management International, as a vehicle for launching deals.

Mr Grogan said: "Olivier has advised us on the transaction and we hope he will be able to continue to advise on future strategy although he won't play any active day-to-day role in the running of the business. He is not putting up any money and neither does he have any stake in our company. We have great respect for his skill and judgement. However, we used a number of advisers and Olivier was just one of them."

The deal is being mounted through Quoteplan, a Talisman subsidiary, with Bankers Trust setting up the financing arrangements.

Cope Allman, which made profits before tax of £20 million last year on turnover of £233 million, was put up for auction last summer and attracted a considerable number of bids, although prices were trimmed following the stock market crash.

The management of the business was understood to have been a keen bidder at one stage, along with music publishing group Chrysalis and the packaging company NMC Investments.

As part of the deal, the Hawley Group — which also announced plans yesterday to change its name to ADT, following its recent takeover of the US burglar and fire alarm operator — will put in £7.7 million equity and subscribe for a £70 million loan note. As a result this will give it conversion rights on up to 49 per cent of the business. Bankers Trust said a number of large institutions were also putting up cash.

The cash from the sale help Hawley to wipe out the lion's share of the debts owed to it by its satellite, Henlys. Hawley acquired 57 per cent of Cope Allman nearly two years ago and, as part of its strategy at the time, switched the stake into Henlys which owned the rest of the shares. Further disposals of Henlys, which also takes in home improvements, travel and workwear rental business, look likely. Shearson Lehman, the American bankers who handled the latest sale, could soon turn their attention to the next auction.

Yesterday Mr David Hammond, finance director of Hawley, said: "Henlys is heavily indebted and the latest deal will go a long way towards repaying most of the debts. We accepted the best straight cash offer available. Some potential purchasers relying on equity linked instruments fell away after the market collapse.

"There are one or two other bits of Henlys now being studied but nothing is actually on the streets at the moment."

Cope Allman, which was once run by millionaire Len Matchen, earns half its profits from packaging.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bow Valley endorses offer by British Gas

Bow Valley Industries Inc said in Calgary that its board advised that the proposed transaction with British Gas was in the company's best interest, and recommended shareholders accept the tender offer of Can$20 (£8) a share for 16 million outstanding shares. Bow Valley said the information circular/proxy statement explaining the transaction would be sent to shareholders within four to five weeks. At that time, the company said, the date for a special shareholders' meeting to vote on the transaction would be announced.

The transaction includes Bow Valley's issuance to British Gas of 1,435,000 Class Z Series 5 non-voting shares for Can$516.6 million, representing the equivalent of about 28.7 million common shares at Can$18 per share. Bow Valley now has about 4.14 million shares outstanding.

AES raises its profits

Associated Energy Services, which provides building and environmental maintenance services and distributes catering equipment, increased pretax profits from £5,882 to £103,295 in the year to September 30 on turnover of £2.85 million. Earnings per share grew from 0.03p to 0.96p. No dividend was declared.

Prudential buys agency

The Prudential Corporation has added further to its network of estate agencies with the acquisition of Maynard & Co, which has two offices in Derby and Allestree. Maynard handled property sales worth £18 million in the last year. The Prudential Corporation now has a network of 620 estate agencies.

Zetters Leisure ahead

Zetters Leisure, the bingo club operator which demerged from Zetters Group last year, made pretax profits in the half-year to the end of September of £705,201 a 10.2 per cent rise on the previous first half. Turnover rose to £5.5 million from £4.5 million. The comparative figures have been restated as though the demerger had taken place from April 1, 1986.

Two new clubs have been acquired in the second half and a number of acquisitions have been under consideration since the demerger, the company said. The interim dividend was 0.55p.

WALL STREET

	Jan 4	Dec 31
AMR Cp	35½	35¼
ASA	47⅞	49¼
Aetna Life	46	45½
Allied Signal	30⅝	28⅝
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛
Alcoa	50⅝	48⅞
Amax Inc	20⅛	20
AMR Hess	25⅝	24⅜
Am Brands	48½	44½
Am Cynmd	43	41½
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	26¼
Amexco	24	22⅝
Am Family	14¼	14¼
Am Home	74½	72⅛
Am Int Grp	82⅝	80
Am Stand	37⅝	36½
Am Telph	28½	27¼
Amoco Cp	71	69⅛
Armco Steel	11⅞	11⅜
Asarco Inc	29⅞	28⅜
Ashland Oil	57⅜	57⅜
Atl Richfld	72⅛	69¼
Avon Prod	26⅛	25⅝
Bk Boston	23	22½
Bank NY	27¼	25⅝
Bankamer	7⅝	6⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	32⅝	31⅜
Baxter	23½	22⅜
Beth Steel	17⅜	16¾
Boeing	38⅜	37⅜
Bosse Casc	70¼	68
Borden	51⅞	49½
Bristl Meyr	43¼	41¼
BP	58¼	55⅝
Brunswick	15⅝	14⅜
Burl Ntn	66	62⅜
CBS	162½	157
CMS Engy	14⅛	13½
CPC Int	41⅜	40⅛
CSX Cp	29⅝	29¼
Camp Soup	27½	27¼
Can Pacific	16⅛	15⅞
Caterpillar	62⅝	62
Centrl SW	30⅝	29½
Champion	36⅛	34½
Chase Man	22¾	22¼
Chem NY	22⅜	21⅞
Chevron	41¼	39⅝
Chrysler	23⅛	22⅛
Chicorp	20⅝	18⅝
Clark Eq	24¼	24⅛
Coca Cola	39⅞	39⅛
Colgate	41	39¼
Columb Gas	40⅝	40⅛
Comb'tn Eng	30⅝	29⅜
Cmwlth Ed	28⅜	27⅝
Cons Edis	42⅜	41⅜
Consol Ng	38⅜	36⅝
Cont Data	22⅜	21¾
Corning Gl	48⅜	46⅝
Crane	21⅞	21⅜
Curtiss Wrt	52	50½
Data Genl	25⅛	23⅝
Deere Co	35½	35¼
Delta Air	37⅝	37⅛
Detroit Ed	13⅜	13⅜
Digital Eq	141	135
Disney	62¼	59¾
Dow Chem	92½	90⅜
Dresser Ind	26¾	26⅛
Dupont	69	67⅝
Duke Pwr	43½	42⅛
East Kodak	51⅛	49
Eaton Cp	79¼	79¼
Emerson El	34½	33
Emery Air	5½	5⅜
Exxon	40⅝	38¼
Farsh Inc	7¾	7⅞
Fedders	6¼	6⅛
Firestone	32	31½
Fst Chicago	20	18⅞
Fst Int Bncp	40⅜	39½
Fst Penn C	9	8⅝
FT Wachvia	35½	33½
Ford Motor	78⅜	75⅞
GAF Cp	44⅝	45
GTE Cp	36⅝	35½
Gen Cp	22¼	22⅛
Gn Dynam	50½	48¼
Gen Electric	46⅝	44¼
Gen Inst	31¾	30⅝
Gen Mills	50⅛	49⅝
Gen Motors	62¼	61½
Gen Pub Ut	27⅝	26⅜
Genesco	3¼	3⅛
Georgia Pac	36⅝	34½
Gillette	30	28⅝
Goodrich	42¾	40¼
Goodyear	62⅜	60
Gould Inc	12⅝	12¼
Grace Co	25	24
Grt Atl Pac	39⅝	37½
Greyhnd	26¼	25½
Gruman	18⅞	17⅞
Gulf & West	73⅜	71
Heinz	42¾	40⅝
Hercules	48⅜	47
Hewlett Pk	60	58¼
Honeywell	57⅜	53⅝
IC Ind	33¼	32⅛
ITT Cp	46½	45
INCO	22¼	22
Ing Rand Wi	36¼	35½
Inland Steel	30⅝	30⅛
IBM	120⅝	115⅝
Int Paper	43⅞	42¼
Irving Bk	43¾	43⅜
Jhsn & Jhsn	75¼	75¼
K Mart	30⅜	30
Kaisertech	11⅝	11⅛
Kerr McGee	38⅜	36¼
Kimbrly Clrk	50⅝	50
Kraft	49⅝	47¾
Kroger	24¾	24⅜
LTV Cp	2⅝	2¼
Litton	73	72⅝
Lockheed	36⅞	34¼
Lucky Str	27⅝	26⅝
Man H'nvr	22⅛	21⅞
Manville	2¾	2¼
Mapco	49¾	48¼
Marriott	30⅝	30
Mt Marrieta	43	42
Masco	23¾	21¾
Mcdonalds	45⅞	44
McDonnell	60⅝	59½
Mead Cp	35¼	34⅛
Merck	164¾	158½
Minsta Mng	66⅛	64⅜
Mobil	40⅞	39⅛
Monsanto	83⅞	83
Morgan Jp	37⅞	36¼
Motorola	51⅜	49¾
NCR	65½	63¾
NL Indstrs	6	5½
Nat Distill	n.a	72¼
Nat Md Ent	19¼	18⅞
Nat Semi	12⅝	12⅜
Norfolk Sth	26⅝	26¼
NW Bancrp	38	37⅛
Occid Petl	25¼	24⅝
Ogden Cp	28¾	27¼
Olin Cp	41⅝	42
PPG Ind	35⅞	33¾
Pac Gas El	16⅝	16½
Pan Am	3	2⅝
Penney JC	47	43½
Pennzoil	73⅛	71¼
Pepsico	34⅞	33¾
Pfizer	49¾	46⅝
Phelps Dod	46½	46¼
Philip Mor	87¾	85⅞
Philip Ptrl	14	14
Polaroid	25	23⅝
Primerica	25⅞	24¼
Procl Gble	87	85⅝
Pub S E G	24¾	23⅞
Raytheon	67¾	66¼
Rynlds Metl	50⅞	47⅞
Rockwell Int	19¾	19
Royal Dutch	115⅝	111⅜
SFE Sopac	45⅝	46
Sara Lee	36⅜	35½
Schlumb	30⅝	28¾
Scott Pap	71	70⅝
Seagram	57	54⅝
Sears Roeb	35½	33¾
Shell Trans	78¼	75¾
Singer	47⅞	46⅜
Smith Beck	50⅛	48⅝
Sony Cp	38¾	37¾
Sth Cal Ed!	31	30⅛
SW Bell	34½	34⅛
Squibb	63⅞	61½
Stwrt Drug	56⅝	55⅝
Stevens JP	30¼	29
Sun Comp	53¾	51¾
TRW Inc	48⅞	47¾
Teledyne	309¼	304
Tennsco	41½	39¾
Texaco	37½	37¼
Tex Eastn	22¾	21½
Texas Inst	59¾	55¾
Tex Util	27¾	27
Textron	22¾	22¾
Travelers	37	35⅛
USG	30¼	29¼
USX Cp	31⅝	29½
Unilever Plc	37⅛	35¾
Un Carbide	22¾	21⅞
Un Pac Cp	57¾	54
Unisys Cp	35¾	33¾
Utd Brands	45⅝	45⅝
Utd Tech	34¾	33¾
Unocal	30⅝	28¾
Walter Jim	59⅝	59⅝
Warn Lamb	70	67¾
Wells Far	44¾	43
Westg El	51⅝	49¾
Weyerhar	40	39
Whirlpool	25⅝	24½
Woolworth	36⅝	34½
Xerox Cp	59¾	56⅞
Zenith	15⅝	14⅞

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	21¾	22⅛
Alcan Alum	37⅛	34¾
Algoma Stl	15	15¼
Can Pacific	21⅜	20⅝
Cominco	15	15¼
Con Bathrst	18½	18¼
Hawk S Can	20½	20¾
Hud Bay M	19¾	19¼
Imasco	26½	25¾
Imperial Oil	56¾	55¾
Int Pipe	43⅝	43¼
Royl Trstco	13¾	13⅜
Seagram	74	70⅛
Shelco 'A'	22¼	35¾
Thmsn N 'A'	27	27¾
Vanity Cp	3.40	3.20
WCT	16⅝	16⅜
Weston	32	32

STOCK MARKET

Indexes jump after strong showing by Wall Street

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Stock markets around the world were in jubilant mood yesterday, helped by a recovery in the ailing dollar and the prospect of a record rise today on Tokyo.

Dealers and fund managers in London last night were forecasting a 500-point, or even a record 1,000-point, rise in the Nikkei Dow Jones index when trading resumes.

This followed reports that the big Japanese life insurance companies were to be allowed to raise their exposure in equities in the specialist Tokkin funds by 2 per cent to 5 per cent.

There is also talk the Japanese government will decide to postpone the introduction of lower-cost methods for valuing the Tokkin funds. Some Tokyo brokers claim that this could attract an extra £5 billion into the Japanese equity market and would have a knock-on effect around the world.

London took its cue yesterday from a strong overnight performance on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed its fourth highest-ever one-day rise.

Dealers reported a surge in turnover as both domestic and foreign fund managers chased leading shares sharply higher. The FT-SE 100 index closed 42.1 points higher at 1,789.6, having been 50.8 up earlier in the session, helped by another firm start to trading in New York. The narrower FT index of 30 shares rose by 35.1 points to 1,437.1. Dealers expect the "Footsie" to breach the 1,800 level when trading starts again this morning.

Government securities reversed an early, £¼ fall, to close £½ higher following a better-than-expected set of gold and currency reserves.

The firmer dollar was good news for hard-pressed exporters. Encouraging gains were seen in Jaguar, 15p to 333p, increased speculation in recent weeks that News International, which owns *The Times, Sunday Times, News of the World and The Sun*, has been increasing its holding. Reports last year suggested that News International had built up a stake of between 2 per cent and 3 per cent, lifting the share price to a peak of 633p.

Freemans jumped 13p to 311p following the higher offer from Sears of 315p a share. Sears' broker, Kleinwort Grieveson, was busily buying shares in the marketplace last night.

But the rest of stores remained under a cloud.

Ratners, Britain's biggest jewellery chain, was the target of a downgrading by its own broker, Wood Mackenzie and rival Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers as analysts' fears about the level of spending seem to have been confirmed.

Ratners fell to 234p before closing 10p lower at 238p. Wood Mackenzie has downgraded its forecast for the current year to £47.5 million because trade has not matched expectations.

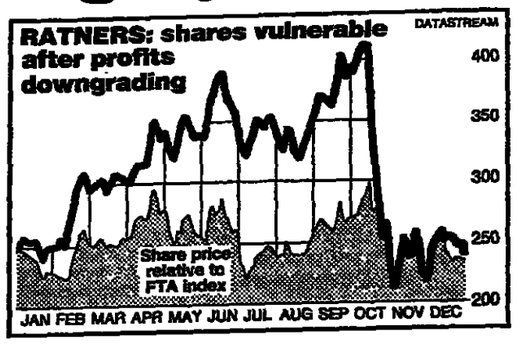
Wood Mac is still keen on the shares and believes that their current weakness presents an excellent buying opportunity.

Mr Paul Deacon, an analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, has downgraded his estimates from £52.5 million to £47.5 million in the current year and from £73 million to £67 million for next.

Marks and Spencer fell 6p to 178p with more than 3 million shares traded. Mr Zak Keshavjee, an analyst at SBCI Savory Milln, the broker, who gave a warning at the beginning of December about a slowdown in sales growth after a recovery in October, remains bearish, slashing his profits forecast after hearing that Christmas sales had been no better than flat.

He has cut his estimate for this year from £490 million to £470 million and for next year from £550 million to £530 million.

Other casualties in the sector included Next, down 8p to 286p on reports of a broker's downgrading. Dixons, which gave a warning before Christmas that sales would be disappointing, cheapened 2p to 206p.



Suter, the engineering conglomerate, jumped 18p to 159p amid stories that a stake-building operation was in progress. Mr Greg Hutchings of FH Tomkins fame and Mr Robert Maxwell were reported as buyers of the stock and dealers believe that a bid for Suter might well be on the way.

ICI, 37p to £11.44, Glaxo, 30p to £10.30 and Beecham, 20p to 475p. BOC Group rose by 20p to 425p. Chase Manhattan Securities was a big buyer of the shares.

Elsewhere among the leaders, Reed International, the publishing, packaging and printing group, surged by 23p to 419p. There has been

WORLD ROUNDUP: NEW YORK

Dow leaps 43 points in early trading

(Agencies) – Shares advanced across the board in early trading yesterday, although blue chips lost a small part of their big, early gains. Brokers reported that profit-taking had appeared as a result of the rallies on Monday and yesterday. Analysts attributed the rise in shares primarily to the dollar's rally on wide central bank support.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 43 points higher at 2,058.25. Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by 1,250 to 150. Sterling Drug leapt 18½ to 75⅝ on Hoffman-La Roche's bid of $72 a share. Gold stocks fell with Newmont Gold down by 1⅜ to 36½. Amax Gold slipped by ⅜ to 24.

On Monday, the Dow average jumped by 76.42 to 2,015.25.

● CBS Inc and Sony Corporation of Japan said they had completed the previously-announced sale of CBS's records business to Sony for $2 billion. Sony said the business will be run as an independent, wholly-owned subsidiary, named CBS Records Inc.

The November 19 agreement for the sale was reached after two months of negotiations. Sony had long sought to buy the unit. The sale came after the divestiture of CBS's publishing operations and leaves the company with its core broadcasting business.

● Weyerhaeuser Co is raising $150 million through an offering of notes, due 1998, yielding 9.412 per cent, the sole manager, Morgan Stanley and Co Inc, said.

The notes have a 9⅜ per cent coupon and were priced at 99.25 to yield 75 basis points more than comparable Treasury securities.

The yield spread compares with market talk ahead of the pricing of 75 to 80 basis points.

SYDNEY

Shares on the rise

(Reuter) – Monday's sharp rise on Wall Street boosted confidence on the Australian share market yesterday and saw prices close firmer and near the day's highs.

By the close the All-Ordinaries index had risen 11.9 points, to 1,309.4, and the All-Industrials was up 25.5 points, at 1,976.4. The gold index fell 27.3 points, to 2,077.4, while the All-Resources managed a 2.2-point gain, to 792.7.

Trading picked up slightly, but was still thin by pre-October standards. Turnover was 80.7 million shares worth Aus$110.8 million (£42.7 million).

TOKYO

Nikkei up 358 points despite dollar fears

(Reuter) – A revived dollar and Wall Street's vigorous Monday rally sent morning share prices soaring yesterday, but concern over the long-term dollar outlook and a lack of fresh incentives pulled them off highs, brokers said.

The Nikkei average gained 358.24 points, or 1.67 per cent, to 21,575.28, after a morning peak of 21,713.70. The index sank 346.96 points in half-day trading on Monday. Advances led declines almost three to one in turnover of 450 million shares, against 170 million on Monday.

Communications, electronic, securities house, airline, precision instruments, property, pharmaceutical, food, motor and some manufacturing shares gained. But credit/lease, railway/bus, shipping, bank, mining, electric and gas issues declined.

Buying and selling patterns were hard to discern in yesterday's modest volume, brokers said. The recent thin turnover indicates lack of interest among major investors, they added.

The electronics sector benefited from the firmer dollar, although it had managed a sturdy showing even in the face of an appreciating yen, brokers said.

FRANKFURT

Leaders higher

Frankfurt (Reuter) – Share prices ended sharply higher in moderate trading and near the best levels of the session.

Investors and professional operators placed orders to buy after the dollar rose by more than three pfennigs to DM1.6128, dealers said, adding that most shares recovered Monday's losses.

"The gains were also a technical reaction to the slump on Monday. Operators had to cover short positions after heavy overselling," one dealer said.

The Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares rose 47.4 points or 3.8 per cent to 1,284.5.

TEMPUS

Quality loans boost FNFC

The crash of '87 will have sent cold shivers down the backs of those who held shares in First National Finance Corporation the last time round. Many of the conditions which forced FNFC into the Bank of England's legendary lifeboat in the 1970s, a consumer boom and runaway property prices, look the same.

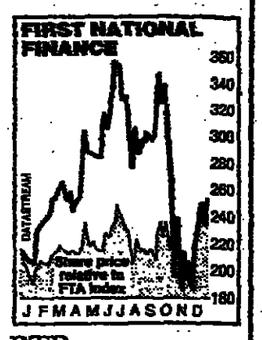
But FNFC has changed. Indeed, it is feeling thoroughly pleased with itself, and well it might. Led by its consumer credit division, pretax profits powered ahead last year to £53.1 million, a rise of 46 per cent.

The easy availability of credit through the ever-proliferating store cards has given consumer credit something of a bad name. But FNFC is at the quality end of the market, lending only to home owners. It spends 2½ times the industrial average on vetting its customers for their ability to repay. Its reward is that its bad debts are only half that of its competitors.

Its caution is such that the wonder of it all is that it manages to increase its lending at all, yet it chalked up a 35 per cent increase in profits from this source to 64 per cent of the total.

Commercial lending did less well, just holding level with the previous year. The new prosperity has meant that successful borrowers are paying off loans faster than ever, and FNFC has had to run hard just to stand still.

Gradual utilization of tax losses means FNFC will suffer a rising tax charge. Pretax profits this year are forecast to rise to £63 million. But the higher tax charge – from 15 per cent last year it will rise to nearer 25 per cent this year – means there will be little advance in earnings per share. Nevertheless, the multiple of eight looks undemanding.



BTR

BTR's latest game of musical chairs down in Australia proves the adage that yesterday's friend could be tomorrow's foe. Its 63 per cent Australian subsidiary, BTR Nylex, has joined hands with the Melbourne-based Pratt Group to bid for ACI International. The irony is that it was from ACI that BTR originaly bought Nylex.

And in helping Pratt to bid for ACI, BTR enters the field facing Pilkington – ACI's joint venture partner in Australia – which was BTR's own takeover target in 1986.

BTR now has 15 per cent of its assets in the Pacific basin, and is content to put further fingers in the Pacific pie through the BTR Nylex connection. Meanwhile, it has to wait for the music to stop and acually sit on ACI's chair before deciding which assets are worth keeping.

The Aus$1.6 billion bid, at an equivalent 16.8 times earnings against that market's average 10.4 multiple, depends on winning over eight significant shareholders accounting for 60 per cent of ACI's capital.

It was the Pratt Group, via OVS Investment Corporation, which in December shuffled with Mr Ron Brierley's historic stake in Redfearn to land up as a 29.95 per cent holder in Redfearn.

The music has yet to stop.

Sandell trades up

Sandell Perkins is a perfect example of a group undistracted by the fashionable developments occupying others in the building industry.

Instead of courting the man in the street, who apparently spends every waking leisure hour doing-it-himself, Sandell Perkins has remained loyal to the trade. Selling to the professional is relatively easy, as at least the customer knows what he wants.

Sandell is strong in the South, dominating the London scene with market share of more than 30 per cent. Spread over the South this drops to 6 per cent, or under 2 per cent nationwide.

There are now 61 branches, half with tool-hire counters. In the 55 Sandell Perkins branches, timber accounts for 40 per cent of sales, building materials 57 per cent and tool hire 3 per cent.

Tool hire, in its formative stages, grew by 50 per cent. When fully established it should be twice as profitable as the core business. But the need to give extra advice requires more skilled staff.

Trading margins are a healthy 8.8 per cent. But opening new branches and developing tool hire, while ensuring Sandell's long-term survival, are hampering short-term opportunities to widen margins further.

New branches boosted half-year sales by more than 12 per cent, and the southern market grew by a similar amount while inflation was 5 per cent. There is scope within familiar territory for at least another 40 branches.

October's hurricane got the second half off to a good start, even against 1986-87's strong second half. The rate of growth may slow, half on half, but Sandell is unlikely to make much less that £12.5 million for the year. On a p/e of 13 times, the premium rating is deserved, given the quality of management and earnings.

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE LODGED AT THE BANK OF ENGLAND, NEW ISSUES (C), WATLING STREET, LONDON, EC4M 9AA NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY 1988, OR AT ANY OF THE BRANCHES OR AGENCIES OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND NOT LATER THAN 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 12TH JANUARY 1988.

ISSUE OF £1,000,000,000

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Deposit on application:
with a competitive bid — Price bid less £50.00 per cent
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Balance of purchase money:
on Thursday, 25th February 1988 — £50.00 per cent

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 1ST MARCH AND 1ST SEPTEMBER

This Loan will, on issue, be an investment falling within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961, subject as regards securities payable to bearer to the provisions of Section 7 of the Trustee Act 1925. Application has been made to the Council of The International Stock Exchange for the Loan to be admitted to the Official List.

1. THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive bids for the above Loan.

2. The principal of and interest on the Loan will be a charge on the National Loans Fund, with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

3. The Loan will be repaid at par on 1st September 1997.

4. The Loan will be issued in the form of stock which will be registered at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Stock registered at the Bank of England held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will also be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by exempt transfer in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1982 and the relevant subordinate legislation. Transfers will be free of stamp duty.

5. On or after 29th July 1988 stock may be exchanged into bonds to bearer which will be available in denominations of £100, £200, £500, £1,000, £5,000, £10,000 and £50,000. Bonds will be free of stamp duty.

6. Stock will be interchangeable with bonds without payment of any fee.

7. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 1st March and 1st September. The first interest payment will be made on 1st September 1988 at the rate of £6·0463 per £100 of the Loan. Warrants for interest on stock will be transmitted by post. Income tax will be deducted from payments of more than £5 per annum. Interest on bonds to bearer, less income tax, will be paid by coupon.

8. Stock and bonds of this issue and the interest payable thereon will be exempt from all United Kingdom taxation, present or future, so long as it is shown that the stock or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

9. Further, the interest payable on stock or bonds of this issue will be exempt from United Kingdom income tax, present or future, so long as it is shown that the stock or bonds are in the beneficial ownership of persons who are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

10. For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, persons are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom if they are regarded as not ordinarily resident for the purposes of United Kingdom income tax.

11. Applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should, in the case of interest on stock, be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Bearer bond coupons will be paid without deduction of United Kingdom income tax if accompanied by a declaration of ownership in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Inspector of Foreign Dividends, Inland Revenue, Lynwood Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0DP.

12. These exemptions will not entitle a person to claim repayment of tax deducted from interest unless the claim to such repayment is made within the time limit provided for such claims under income tax law; under the provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970, Section 43 (1), no such claim will be outside the time limit if it is made within six years from the date on which the interest is payable. In addition, these exemptions will not apply so as to exclude the interest from any computation for taxation purposes of the profits of any trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the allowance of the exemptions is subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxation by persons domiciled, resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and, in particular, the interest will not be exempt from income tax where, under any such provision, it falls to be treated for the purpose of the Income Tax Acts as income of any person resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

Method of Application

13. Bids may be made on either a competitive or a non-competitive basis, as set out below, and must be submitted on the application form published with this prospectus. Each application form must comprise either one competitive bid or one non-competitive bid. Separate arrangements have been made under which gilt-edged market makers may make competitive bids by telephone to the Bank of England not later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 13th January 1988.

14. Application forms must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (C), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY 1988, or at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 12TH JANUARY 1988. Bids will not be revocable between 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 13th January 1988 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 18th January 1988.

15. Each bid, whether competitive or non-competitive, must be for a minimum of £1,000 nominal of the Loan and for multiples of the Loan as follows:–

Amount of the Loan applied for	Multiple
£1,000–£10,000	£1,000
£10,000–£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

16. Competitive Bids

(i) Each competitive bid must be for one amount and at one price which is a multiple of 5p.

(ii) A separate cheque representing the DEPOSIT DUE, i.e. THE PRICE BID LESS £50.00 FOR EVERY £100 NOMINAL OF THE LOAN BID FOR, must accompany each competitive bid. In respect of competitive bids for more than £100,000 nominal of the Loan, cheques must be drawn on a branch or office, situated within the Town Clearing area, of a settlement member of CHAPS and Town Clearing Company Limited. In respect of competitive bids for £100,000 nominal or less of the Loan, cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(iii) Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any competitive bid or part of any competitive bid. Competitive bids will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to applicants whose competitive bids are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any competitive bid should be accepted ("the lowest accepted price"). APPLICANTS WHOSE COMPETITIVE BIDS ARE ACCEPTED WILL BE ALLOTTED AMOUNTS OF THE LOAN AT THE PRICES WHICH THEY BID: competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at prices above the lowest accepted price will be allotted in full; competitive bids which are accepted and which are made at the lowest accepted price may be allotted in full or in part only.

17. Non-competitive Bids

(i) A non-competitive bid must be for not less than £1,000 nominal and not more than £100,000 nominal of the Loan, and must be in one of the multiples described in paragraph 15 above.

(ii) Only one non-competitive bid may be submitted for the benefit of any one person. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected.

(iii) A separate cheque representing a DEPOSIT AT THE RATE OF £50.00 FOR EVERY £100 NOMINAL OF THE LOAN APPLIED FOR must accompany each non-competitive bid; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

(iv) Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any non-competitive bid. All allotments which are made to non-competitive applicants will be made in full AT A PRICE ("the non-competitive allotment price") EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE OF THE PRICES AT WHICH COMPETITIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, the average being weighted by reference to the amount accepted at each price and ROUNDED DOWN TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF 5P.

(v) If the non-competitive allotment price is less than £100.00 per cent, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be refunded by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant.

(vi) If the non-competitive allotment price is greater than £100.00 per cent, applicants whose non-competitive bids are accepted may be required to pay a further deposit equal to the non-competitive allotment price less £100.00 for every £100 nominal of the Loan allocated to them. An applicant from whom a further deposit is required will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the amount of the Loan allocated to him and of the further deposit due, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the amount of the Loan so allocated. The despatch of allotment letters to applicants from whom a further deposit is required will be delayed until such further deposit has been made.

18. Her Majesty's Treasury may allot to applicants less than the full amount of the Loan. Any balance of the Loan not allotted to applicants will be allotted at the lowest accepted price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

19. Letters of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted, being the only form in which the Loan (other than amounts held in the Central Gilts Office Service for the account of members) may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the applicant, but the despatch of any letter of allotment, and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until an applicant's cheque has been paid. Where any such withholding occurs, the applicant will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his application and of the amount of the Loan allocated to him, subject in each case to payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the applicant to transfer the amount of the Loan so allocated.

20. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £1,000 of the Loan. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the applicant; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be refunded. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Loan will render the allotment of such Loan liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

21. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, New Change, London, EC4M 9AA on any date not later than 23rd February 1988. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

22. Members of the Central Gilts Office Service may, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing their membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation and for the amount of the Loan comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the Central Gilts Office as being entitled to any amount of the Loan shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such Loan and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such Loan as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such Loan. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, amounts of the Loan credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising such Loan, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such Loan unless and until that letter of allotment is surrendered to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation as aforesaid.

23. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 25th February 1988; registration of amounts of the Loan held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

24. Until the close of business on 29th July 1988, stock issued in accordance with this prospectus will be known as 8¾ per cent Treasury Loan, 1997 "C". The interest due on 1st September 1988 will be paid separately on holdings of the existing 8¾ per cent Treasury Loan, 1997 and on holdings of "C" stock as at the close of business on 29th July 1988; consequently, interest mandates, payments for income tax exemption and other notifications recorded in respect of holdings of existing stock will not be applied to the payment of interest due on 1st September 1988 on holdings of "C" stock.

25. The last day for lodgement at the Bank of England of transfers for registration as "C" stock will be 29th July 1988. After this date, for purposes of certification, the "C" stock will not be distinguished from the existing 8¾ per cent Treasury Loan, 1997. From the opening of business on 29th July 1988, the "C" stock will be amalgamated with the existing stock.

26. Application forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches or Agencies of the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland, Moyna Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN, or at any office of The International Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Government statement

Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Loan is issued or sold by or on behalf of the

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Dee challenges financing behind £2bn Barker bid

By Alison Eadie

Dee Corporation, the supermarkets group under siege from the much smaller Barker & Dobson, yesterday took the unusual step of writing to B&D shareholders challenging the financing of B&D's £2 billion bid.

Mr Alec Monk, chairman of Dee, questioned who would be running the enlarged B&D — the board or the banks? He also asserted that B&D would be in breach of its loan agreement with Citicorp from the beginning.

Dee's auditor, Grant Thornton, backed up the assertion with a letter stating that the consolidated total borrowings engendered by the takeover would materially exceed the maximum borrowings permitted under the loan agreement.

B&D hit back both at Dee's defence document, issued on Monday, and at the letter to its shareholders. It denied the banks would be running the enlarged group and denied that B&D would be in breach of its loan covenant, unless Dee had borrowed substantially more than the figure in its last accounts.

Mr Bay Green, of Kleinwort Benson which is advising B&D, said that Grant Thornton's calculations assumed there would be 100 per cent drawdown of the entire £1.6 billion loan, if the bid was accepted in full on the day it went unconditional.

In real life this would not happen he said, as acceptances on the day of going unconditional are usually not much more than 50 per cent. The £1.6 billion also included £350 million of working capital, which would not be required immediately, and would be reduced by disposals as further acceptances were trickling in.

B&D also rejected Dee's allegation that the banks would receive £4 million if the bid failed, saying the correct figure if the bid failed was £1 million.

Mr John Fletcher, B&D chairman, called Dee's defence "a sad committee effort. It really serves to emphasize the absence of retailing skills in Dee."

B&D states that Dee has admitted in its defence that its superstores are underperforming and that the defence document conveniently ignores Dee's latest results altogether.

Mr Monk visited Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, yesterday and gave the first institutional presentation to Warburg Securities, Dee's broker.

Mr Monk said yesterday that B&D has had scant regard for its own shareholders. He suggested that B&D's extraordinary meeting of shareholders sheduled for next Wednesday should be postponed to give B&D time to present the additional financial information to its shareholders.

B&D denied that it had withheld information and said the meeting would not be postponed. Mr Green said that if a company had sound arguments to defend itself from a bid, it would not need to write to the offeror's shareholders to try to stop them approving the bid.

Hanson in £12m paint disposal

Hanson Industries, the American side of Hanson, has sold Tintas Ypiranga, its Brazilian paint operations, to Akzo, the Dutch chemicals group, for $22.3 million (£12.2 million).

The paint operations were part of the SCM group, which Hanson acquired for $930 million two years ago.

With the latest sale Hanson has recouped almost $1 billion from disposals from SCM, yet it has retained about half of the original assets, including the chemicals business, Smith Corona typewriters, Durkee Foods and paper and metals operations. The retained operations generate operating revenue of $150 million to $200 million a year.

Annual net sales of Ypiranga came to $65 million last year. The company's product range consists mainly of decorative paints and coatings for industrial applications.

Hanson also announced yesterday that shareholders of Kidde had approved its takeover, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hanson.

The $1.7 billion acquisition of the American conglomerate, which has more than 100 separate operating units and 33,000 employees, will present Hanson with new challenges and opportunities in 1988, Hanson Industries' chairman, Sir Gordon White, said.

COMMENT

The final indignity for BP shareholders

The final indignity has fallen on the 270,000 innocent souls who subscribed for new shares of British Petroleum at 120p. BP will miss its profits forecast made in the prospectus.

Little does it matter that few, if any, of those people purchased their ill-starred investment on the basis of BP's forecast of replacement cost profits, nor that the forecast of current cost profits has been moved up rather than down. Nor does it matter that the oil analysts were already a step ahead of the announcement. It was already clear to the professionals that the weakness of the sterling oil price would dent BP's profits and the confirmation that the forecast was £100 million too high caused no reaction in the share price.

The real mess-up this time lies in the timing. BP says that it brought the announcement out bright and early yesterday because the buy-back arrangements with the Bank of England close today. But for the small investor who is likely to take advantage of the buy-back plan, the information was 24 hours too late. The first he will know about BP's run of bad luck will be when he reads about it in the newspapers and if he is fast on his feet he may be able to get his form into the NatWest Bank or the Bank of England itself before the three o'clock deadline this afternoon. If not, if he can show proof of posting before three, he should still be able to take the Bank's 70p. But it is unreasonably short notice.

The profits forecast amendment will not make much difference to investors' decisions and any small investor with a few hundred shares who wants out would be wise to take the Bank of England's money rather than sell in the market. By the time the dealing charges are taken into account, the Bank's 70p looks a sight more attractive than the market's 73p.

But contrary to earlier expectations, the price of the partly-paid shares now looks unlikely to collapse when the 70p support is removed this afternoon. The Kuwait Investment Office is still buying and provides a happy escape route for any institution or underwriter with shares still to sell. The Kuwait operation now has to be seen as something more complicated than a pure investment play and a bid for BP itself no longer looks out of the question. Control of BP would give the Kuwaitis the opportunity to add value to its crude oil production, while BP's tally of 3 per cent of free world crude supply would provide Kuwait with additional influence over world prices.

Neither BP nor the British Government is delighted at such an idea, but until the Kuwait Investment Office passes the 29.9 per cent shareholding level, at which a bid would be triggered, can either of them legitimately do much about it.

Brunning back in the black

By Joe Joseph

Restructuring by new management has led the Brunning Group back into the black, with the formerly troubled advertising agency reporting pretax profits of £357,000 in the six months to September 30, against a loss of £208,000 previously.

Turnover was up fractionally at £29.2 million, with earnings per share rising to 7.9p from a loss of 3.2p previously. Shareholders, who missed out an interim dividend last year, will receive a half-way payment of 1.25p.

Mr Trevor Shonfeld — Brunning's chief executive and head of the team which took over the running of the company from the Brunning family in June 1986 — attributed the revival to a freshly motivated management which has cut out loss-making and peripheral activities

"This was quite a turnround," Mr Shonfeld said yesterday. "It's been hard work, but it's only the first step as far as we are concerned."

Brunning, which handles MFI and the Halifax Building Society, recently secured the Toyota UK account, worth nearly £7 million a year.



Aiming to build the company: Trevor Shonfeld, Brunning's chief executive, at the group's London offices yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan)

Pepe lifts turnover to £38m

By Michael Tate

Pepe Group, the USM-quoted jeans manufacturer, almost doubled its first-half turnover from £20.81 million a year ago to £38.29 million in the six months to end-September 1987 thanks to last April's purchase of Buffalo.

Although Buffalo, the Bordeaux casual clothes maker, made a small profit, it does not have nearly the same margins as Pepe, and the increase was restricted to 46 per cent at £3.87 million against £2.65 million.

Pepe reports good sales growth in the UK and saw licence income double following the introduction of the Hardcore shoe range. The second half will include the first sales by the company's leatherwear licensee.

Group earnings per share improved from 6.8p to 10.1p, but the interim dividend is unchanged at 1.5p.

Hush ... whisper who dares

All over the City there are Christophers and Robins saying prayers asking for Sir Kenneth Berrill's term as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board to be brought to an end in May. The whispering campaign against Sir Kenneth survived Christmas and the New Year celebrations, and will die down only when either he is ousted or his reappointment confirmed. One or the other is likely within weeks.

Sir Kenneth could not hope to be popular. Everyone is against sin, yes, but when regulation causes the good guys anguish which they feel should be suffered only by outright crooks, then they do not like it.

The clearing banks in particular will never forgive Sir Kenneth for pushing through the "polarization" issue, which in effect brings to an end their ability to offer sloppy advice of questionable independence to customers seeking insurance and savings products. They wanted the bad guys stamped out, but never imagined that their own lucrative business of selling their own insurance and savings schemes through the bank managers would be hit. When it became clear that Sir Kenneth was not prepared to budge on the issue, the bankers went to see the Bank of England, hoping to see Sir Kenneth and his happy band of lawyers put firmly in their places. They were disappointed.

The clearers count the Bank Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, as one of their own number, and it is known that the Bank has been thinking hard about a successor to the unyielding Sir Kenneth. The appointment of the SIB chairman is the joint responsibility of the Governor and Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and while the former may have reservations, the latter has already gone on record with his support for Sir Kenneth. That said, Mr Leigh-Pemberton is not about to hang up his hat either.

The trench warfare between the SIB and the industries which it will regulate has, however, produced a number of compromises which could be taken as a softening of Lord Young's previous hard line defence. The most recent was the most important: Lord Young's decision to take the pricing of unit trust purchases away from the SIB and reinstate it with the DTI, which authorizes unit trusts.

The pre-Christmas unit trust episode should not, however, allow us to write off Sir Kenneth just yet. He is likely to be allowed to oversee the implementation of his regulations over the next year or so. And then, job done, he will move on.

Ladbroke cashes in Mecca shares

By Cliff Feltham

Ladbroke, the hotel and betting group, has been quick off the mark to raise about £5.6 million from the sale of 3 million shares in Mecca Leisure, the social club and holiday centre group.

Mecca paid Ladbroke £50 million in cash and issued the block of shares last month in return for the purchase of its holiday centre and catering interests.

The deal means a speedy profit for Ladbroke. Mecca shares were changing hands at 169p when the sale took place and the placing price of 184p gives the company a profit of about £500,000. The shares were placed with City institutions.

APV looks East for sales growth

By Michael Tate

The Soviet Union and China are being targeted as key areas for a marketing push by APV, the revitalized manufacturer of food and drink processing equipment.

Last year's acquisition of Pasilac, the Danish dairy equipment group, brought with it operations in Moscow and a number of Chinese cities. Sir Ronald McIntosh, the chairman, believes these markets have "great potential." He said yesterday that the group's strategy included developing these activities.

It is also keen to have a bigger presence in the important West German market, where it is looking to establish trading associations.

Under Sir Ronald and Mr Fred Smith, chief executive, APV has become the world's leading manufacturer of machinery for the food and drink processing industry, with a turnover of more than £850 million and 1987 profits expected to be more than £40 million.

But it has always had what Sir Ronald calls "an exaggeratedly low profile." So it is spending £1.5 million to streamline the group's 200-plus divisions to nine main subsidiaries and promote a new corporate identity.

APV's reorganization, begun in 1984, has brought in Baker Perkins and the West German brewing machinery maker, APV Rosista, besides Pasilac. At the same time it has lessened its dependence on dollar earnings.

Meanwhile the rationalization continues. More peripheral businesses, such as its Danish travel and shipping agency and the foundry business, are for sale, while there are hopes of extending products into areas such as fruit treatment and packaging.

Coates takeover likely

Coates Brothers, the printing ink manufacturer, is likely to announce the end of its outdated, two-tier share structure today when it confirms the purchase of Lorilleux International, the industrial inks offshoot of CdF Chimie, the French state-owned chemical group.

The deal is expected to involve the issue of shares, giving CdF Chimie a 33.4 per cent stake in the enlarged group. The move will substantially dilute the 20 per cent holding in Coates by Adelaide Steamship, the Australian investment group.

At present, the Coates family controls almost 50 per cent of the voting shares but proposals, expected to enfranchise the non-voting "A" shares, will also reduce its grip on the company.

Spending spree pushes saving to lowest for nearly 30 years

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Strong growth in consumer spending pushed the proportion saved out of income to its lowest level for nearly 30 years in the third quarter of last year, official figures released yesterday showed.

The saving ratio dropped to 5 per cent, its lowest level since the fourth quarter of 1959. In the second quarter of last year the ratio was 6.4 per cent. By comparison, the ratio for 1981 averaged 13 per cent.

Officials at the Central Statistical Office said the saving ratio was derived from the difference between consumer spending and personal disposable income, and subject to wide margins of error.

They suggested that a better guide to the trend in personal sector saving was provided by the figures for the first three quarters of last year, showing an average saving ratio of 6.5 per cent, compared with 7.5 per cent in the whole of 1986.

Even so, the figures added to worries in the financial markets about excessive growth of demand in the economy.

"We were really quite concerned about the figures for the saving ratio," said Miss Joanne Curley, an economist at Morgan Grenfell. "They suggest that consumer spending is growing far too quickly."

A contributory factor to the fall in saving may have been the pensions holidays introduced by some companies, which could have reduced involuntary saving by individuals.

However, the main explanation was a determination by consumers to maintain spending, even if this resulted in a rundown of savings and a rise in borrowing.

Total personal disposable income grew by 2 per cent between the second and third quarters, while consumer spending rose by 3.6 per cent.

In the 12 months to the third quarter, personal disposable income rose by 6.6 per cent, lagging behind the 8.9 per cent increase in consumer spending. As a result, the saving ratio dropped from 7.1 to 5 per cent over the period.

In real terms, personal disposable income rose by 1 per cent in the third quarter compared with the second, to give a 3.4 per cent increase on a year earlier.

The latest data contain revisions to income running back to 1981. In particular, income from self-employment has been discovered to be lower than earlier thought. Information from the Family Expenditure Survey has led to upward revisions to consumer spending.

Other figures published yesterday showed strong growth in profits in the third quarter. Profits of industrial and commercial companies rose by 7 per cent in the third quarter.

There was a recovery in North Sea profits, in line with the rise in world oil prices. North Sea profits rose by 8 per cent in the third quarter, to a level 50 per cent up on a year earlier.

Non-oil profits also rose strongly, rising by 7 per cent in the third quarter to about 20 per cent up on the corresponding period of 1986.

Officials said profit comparisons with a year earlier were complicated by the privatizations of British Gas, British Airways and the British Airports Authority, but even after allowing for the transfer of these from the public to the private sector the underlying growth in profits was strong.

Company borrowing was heavy in the third quarter, with borrowing from banks at £4.3 billion, up from £1.8 billion in the second quarter, and borrowing on the capital markets at £9.4 billion, up from £4.7 billion.

The financial surplus of industrial and commercial companies fell to £2.18 billion in the third quarter, from £3.05 billion in the previous quarter.

PERSONAL INCOME AND SAVING

		Personal disposable income (£bn)	Consumers' expenditure (£bn)	Personal saving (£bn)	Saving ratio (%)
1985	Q1	57.61	52.22	5.39	9.4
	Q2	58.92	52.92	6.00	10.2
	Q3	59.64	54.59	5.05	8.5
	Q4	61.09	55.71	5.38	8.8
1986	Q1	62.31	57.28	5.02	8.1
	Q2	63.44	58.51	4.93	7.8
	Q3	64.46	59.89	4.57	7.1
	Q4	65.44	60.91	4.53	6.9
1987	Q1	66.66	61.75	4.90	7.4
	Q2	67.31	62.97	4.34	6.4
	Q3	68.69	65.24	3.44	5.0

Source: Central Statistical Office

Prince gets down to business

Never normally bashful about speaking his mind, the Prince of Wales is, I hear, being uncharacteristically low-key — indeed, almost secretive — about his latest appeal to raise some £15 million for The Prince's Youth Business Trust. A lesser-known sibling of The Prince's Trust, the business trust has, in one form or another, been going for several years and is soon to celebrate its 4,000th grant to 18- to 25-year-olds with viable business propositions. Almost all of those beneficiaries are now running successful businesses, with the help of specialist advice — arranged by the Trust — from accountants, lawyers and others. But its latest fund-raising effort, which will enable it to offer a nationwide service, has so far been shrouded in a cloak of secrecy with the committee concerned tip-toeing to the doors of big business, asking for donations, without any of the publicity that usually heralds such ventures. Strange though such behaviour might seem, there is apparently a valid reason. Ever-considerate of the feelings of others less fortunate than himself, the prince is, according to informed sources, determined not to raise the hopes of aspiring tycoons until the Trust has sufficient financial backing to give them the help they need. Once the money has started to roll in, rest assured that every company in Britain will be aware of its existence.

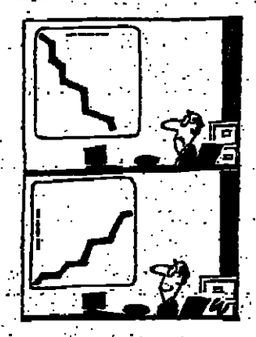
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O'Reilly Keeps faith

Heinz 57 boss Tony O'Reilly is putting his mouth where his money is. After investing some £11.2 million in garage group Keep Trust, in return for a 30 per cent share stake — via Irish investment company Fitzwilton — the former Ireland international rugby star will, I hear, be speaking at an institutional presentation in London later today. The presentation has been organized by broker Barclays de Zoete Wedd, which became an adviser to Keep just before Christmas. Clearly expecting the colourful O'Reilly to retain his usual Midas touch, market makers yesterday marked Keep shares 20p higher to 358p.

Chinese Cook

With Sir Kit McMahon's bags barely unpacked from his trip to Moscow, it seems that others in the Midland bank are already following his example — and offering the hand of friendship to the communist world. Midland subsidiary Thomas Cook Travellers Cheques will tonight be hosting a reception at, of all places, the Chinese Embassy, in honour of Liverpudlian runner William Lindesay who has spent the last eight months trudging 2,000 miles along the Great Wall. Fellow star guest will be Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and best wishes have already been dispatched by China's new ambassador to Britain, Ji Chao Zhu. The reason for such celebration? Thomas Cook claims to have pipped the Americans by becoming the first to link up with the Bank of China to distribute US dollar denominated travellers cheques in China.



$50m men

Talk about jobs for the boys. Between now and the US Presidential election on November 8, the cost of guarding the candidates round the clock is expected to soar to more than $50 million. The bill for each candidate is estimated at no less than $20,000 a day. Leading Republican contender Senator Robert Dole has queried such excessive Secret Service costs.

● Las Vegas, the gambling capital of the world and a town not normally known for its dignity, has disdainfully decided against inviting bets on the next occupant of the White House. "It wouldn't be dignified," explained a spokesman for Caesar's Palace to an ex-pat Brit who couldn't understand why the round-the-clock casino had not yet opened a book for the 13 Presidential candidates.

Carol Leonard

Doctor's orders

Company doctor Maurice Fullerton has done it again. His latest patient, Associated Energy Services, which was losing £450,000 a year when he took over the helm in 1985, yesterday unveiled a dramatic jump in pretax profits from £5,000 to £105,500. Its core business — supplying and maintaining catering equipment, such as heavy duty cookers, and cleaning hotel kitchens (for example the Grosvenor House hotel) — is going well and chartered accountant Fullerton, a former partner of Coopers & Lybrand's management consultancy, is now on the lookout for acquisitions. "It doesn't matter what they are," he says. "The only obstacle is our share price, because any acquisition would have to be for paper." Standing at 11p when he took over, AES shares fell from a peak of 65p before the stock market crash to just 24p. "If we were to sell our three subsidiaries they would produce well in excess of our present £1.6 million capitalization," Fullerton laments.

ECC call for 'balanced' energy control

By Roland Rudd

The Government was urged yesterday to balance the dominance of the electricity generating sector when it privatizes the industry by giving more power to the distribution companies. In a new report the Electricity Consumers' Council gives a warning that if the generating sector were allowed to wield effective control over all the power station operators the public would not benefit from privatization.

The ECC argues that even if the Central Electricity Generating Board were to be split up the new generating companies would still dwarf the distribution companies which would take over from the area electricity boards. In financial terms the area boards are already overshadowed by the CEGB, which accounts for 74 per cent of the industry's expenditure and 73 per cent of its assets.

The ECC believes the only way to split up the monopoly and inject competition into the industry is to ensure that local distribution companies "have sufficient clout to get a good deal from the generating companies".

But the ECC questions the popular assumption that the most effective method of decentralizing power is to allow the privatized boards to run their own power stations.

Mr Tony Boorman, the deputy director of the ECC, yesterday warned that such a system would be a "regulatory nightmare". Instead he wants the new distribution companies to have the power to invite other firms to tender for supply contracts, a common practice in the United States.

The ECC argues that such a system would help counter the dominance of the generating sector and solve the vexed question of who has the duty to maintain surplies.

After reviewing the different options for privatizing the area boards, the report concludes that if the relationship between the generating and distribution companies is changed "there is no good reason to amalgamate the Area Boards". The strongest advocate for amalgamation, the Electricity Council, would, under the ECC's proposals, make way for a trade federation or a service company.

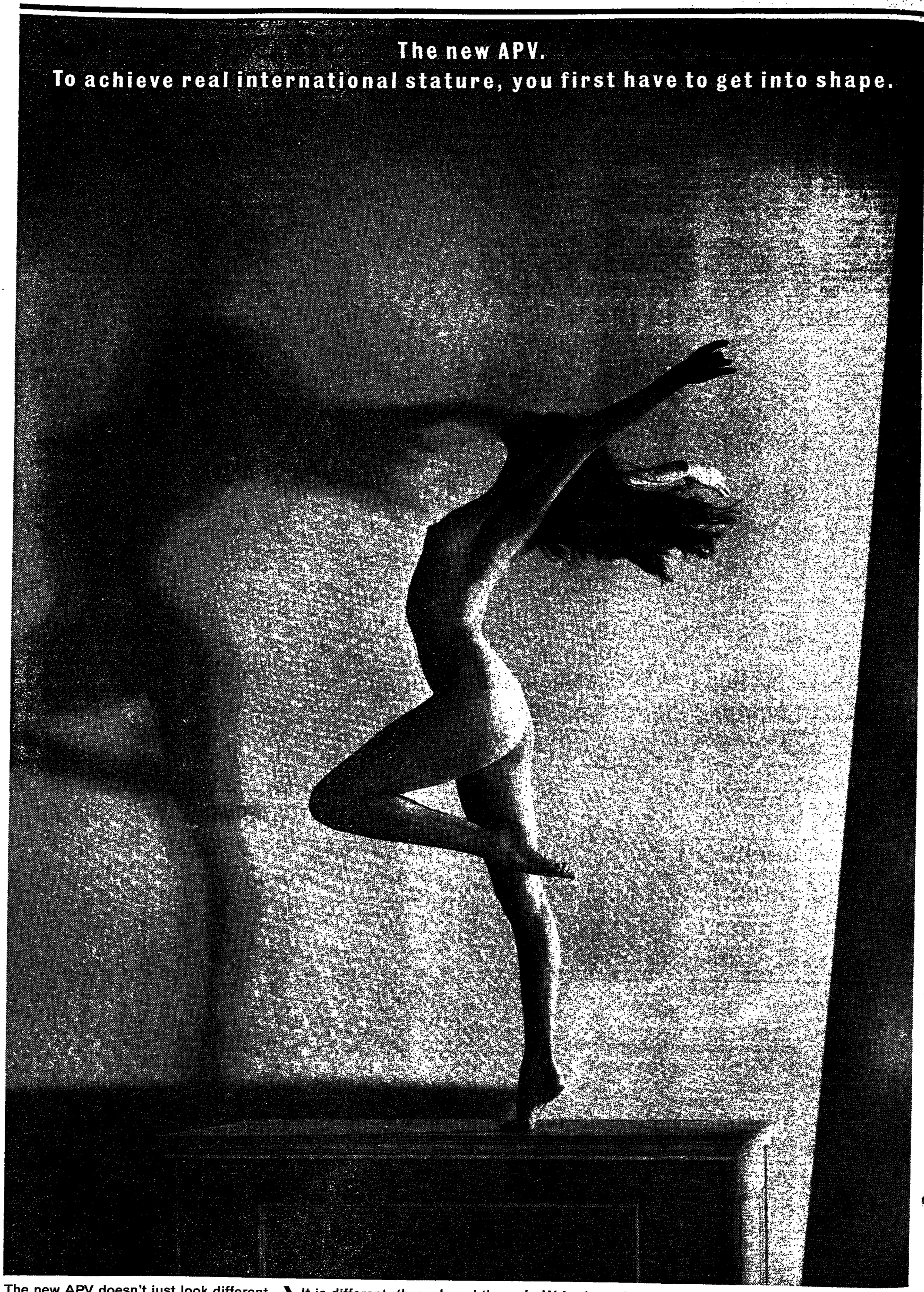
Subject to certain safeguards, the ECC believes that customers should be able to opt out of the system and establish their own independent distribution system.

Mr Boorman points out that if the customers' interests are to be protected "there must be a firm regulatory control over the price and standards of service offered by the private companies".

Privatisation and the Electricity Boards; £5 from the Electricity Consumers' Council, Brook House, 2-16 Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7LL.

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APPOINTMENTS

Sedgwick board members named

Sedgwick: Mr HP Manton and Mr MS Rutherford become directors, Sedgwick Associated Risks. Mr JM Chard becomes a director, Sedgwick Aviation, Mr AN Voke a director, Sedgwick Cargo, Mr DR Baxter, Mr JRB Garrett, Mr CA Goddard and Mr MJ Pounder directors, Sedgwick Offshore Resources, Mr H Bevan, Mr PJ Blackstaffe and Mr NGB Foord-Kelcey directors, Sedgwick UK (London), Mr NJ Gray and Mr DJ Marsh directors, Sedgwick UK (National) and Mr RM Brewer, Mr RD Court and Mr CJR Street directors, Price Forbes.

County NatWest: Mr Graham Dewhirst has been made an associate director.

Capital House Investment Management: Mr John Wetherall becomes a director and Mr David Jones secretary and compliance officer.

Lantor (UK): Mr Mark Lewis becomes managing director.

XTRA Corporation: Mr Rahmat Mojab has been appointed controller/vice president, administration and Mr David Ritchie becomes vice president, operations, both marine division.

IML: Mr John Bentley-Smith becomes group finance and administration director.

PaineWebber International Bank: Mr Robin Baillie has been named as non-executive chairman and Mr Brian Tuck becomes finance director.

Bunzl: Mr Paul Webb becomes managing director, consumer plastics.

Japan International Bank: Mr Fusao Iida has been appointed director and general manager.

Interbrand Group: Mr Terry Oliver and Mr Ralph Dürrmeier become executive directors.

Pall Mall Partnership: Mr Neil Darden-Smith has been appointed chairman with Mr Malcolm McIntyre managing director. Mr Geoffrey Bowden, Mr Richard Down, Mr Michael Evans, Mr Stuart Holden and Mr Dennis Young become directors.

Appleyard Group: Mr MG Williamson becomes deputy chairman.

Price Waterhouse: Mr Pat Russell, Mr Mark Armour, Mr John Bromfield, Mr Philip Crawford, Mr Clive Johnson and Mr Derek Howell join the partnership.

Savé & Prosper Financial Services: Mr Andrew Anderson joins the board.

Lamco Paper Sales: Lord Jenkin of Roding has been appointed chairman.



John Wetherall: director of Capital House Investment

Penny & Giles International: Mr Peter Malpas becomes a non-executive director.

Access: Mr Alan Wilson has been appointed director of finance.

Montrose Technical Recruitment: Mr Robert Smith has been appointed managing director, succeeding Mr Terry Moore.

British employees 'strongly identify with their companies'

By Roland Rudd

British employees have a stronger identification with their company than workers in any other country except The Netherlands, according to a report by the research company, International Survey Research.

In Britain, 79 per cent of workers identify strongly with their employers, compared with 80 per cent in The Netherlands.

The survey, covering employee attitudes worldwide, overturns some popular assumptions of work attitudes, for instance by suggesting that Brazilians have a much more positive view of their employers than the Japanese.

Brazilian employees have the most favourable opinion of their companies' work organization, efficiency and development, whereas the Japanese remain the least content.

ISR produces reports for 650 companies in 45 countries covering 11.5 million employees. The survey was framed in such a way as to ensure the same meaning across countries.

According to the report, work organization was viewed most positively by the Brazilians (82 per cent gave a favourable response) and least favourably by the Japanese (54 per cent). The Dutch have the clearest idea of what is expected of them (95 per cent), while the West Germans feel most subject to pressure (only 32 per cent favourable).

The Brazilians also have the most positive view of their companies' efficiency (89 per cent) and are more likely to think there is good co-operation between employees across departments (82 per cent).

In contrast, the Japanese give the least favourable rating to efficiency (53 per cent) while the Italians are least happy about the level of friendliness and co-operation (52 and 68 per cent).

The Brazilians, along with employees in Singapore, believe the training they receive is adequate preparation for their work (75 per cent) and together with the West Germans are more likely to feel they have enough information to do their job well (89 per cent).

The Japanese are the most critical of the amount of information they receive (only 45 per cent favourable).

Issues relating to promotion were regarded most favourably in Belgium (67 per cent); the most overall positive reaction to company benefits came from the Canadians and Dutch (79 per cent), and to pay from the Australians and Dutch (62 per cent).

The report contains a paradox in that the Japanese are most likely to find their job interesting and feel that it utilizes their abilities, while the Brazilians are most likely to find their work dull.

Conversely, the Japanese feel that management shows most interest in their views.

Mr Roger Maitland, the ISR managing director, yesterday said the report showed how Japanese expectations are much higher than anywhere else in the world, while the Brazilians are obviously grateful for a job.

"Many of our international clients in South America stand out as beacons of good industrial practices, which is unusual in other countries. The Japanese are easily disappointed; it is very difficult to have a critique in Japanese companies."

Mr Maitland added that although the European picture was predictable, with better responses from employees in Northern Europe, the good news for Britain was that attempts by management to inform employees had resulted in closer worker identification with their companies.

Employee Attitudes Towards Their Employers — An International Perspective, International Survey Research Limited, 11-12 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB; by subscription.

Insurers welcome EEC accord

(Reuters) — A European Economic Community insurance industry accord due to be finalized in the middle of this year should open up significantly wider markets to insurance companies, insurers said yesterday. The accord, agreed in principle, will allow more firms to seek non-life insurance business outside their own countries.

Insurance analysts said Lloyd's of London is likely to be a major beneficiary of the move. British, Belgian and Dutch insurers, whose home markets are already open to competition, should be the principal gainers, they said.

"The accord is a milestone in the development of the European Community," said Mr Peter Miller, the former chairman of Lloyd's.

The outline agreement last month between the 12 EEC trade and industry ministers was a big step towards realizing the ideal of open competition in financial services envisioned in the Treaty of Rome which set up the Community, insurers said.

"They've been talking about this for 30 years, so it is a welcome move," said Mr Cornelis van Keken, a senior executive at Nationale Nederlanden, the largest Dutch insurer.

Because several countries see insurance as a strategic industry to be protected, barriers have been thrown up around domestic insurance business. Only big-ticket items, such as ships and aircraft, are usually insured on international markets.

The market most affected by this attitude has been medium-sized companies wanting to insure their premises or products, insurers said. These will be the main target of foreign insurers once the barriers are down. As the barriers are highest in West Germany, the greatest opportunities will be there after the accord, they agreed.

Insurance companies with more than 500 employees, a turnover of 24 million European Currency Units (ECU) (about £16.5 million) and assets of 12.4 million ECUs (£8.5 million) will be the first to be liberalized, and from 1993 the limits will be lowered by half.

Dumenil buys trust manager

By Amanda Pardoe

Dumenil Unit Trust Management, the British subsidiary of Dumenil Leble, the French financial and banking group, has acquired EBC Amro Unit Trust Management.

The deal is scheduled to be completed on February 15, when EBC Amro will receive a cash payment of roughly £500,000, together with a 12.5 per cent shareholding in Dumenil Unit Trust Management.

Following the acquisition, Dumenil Unit Trust Management will have more than £75 million under management, an increase of some £20 million.

Only three of EBC Amro's eight funds duplicate funds offered by Dumenil — the French, UK Growth and Swiss funds. As a result, these will merge and Dumenil's range of funds will increase from seven to 12.

A number of EBC Amro employees have been transferred to Dumenil.

In addition, Rainer Kahrmann and Hein Coolen will join the board of Dumenil Unit Trust Management.

Tokyo greets new year opportunities



Japan's "big four" business leaders hosting a Tokyo new year party yesterday for industrial and political chiefs. From left: Noboru Goto (Tokyo Chamber of Commerce), Eishiro Saito (Federation of Economic Organizations chairman), Takashi Ishihara (Nissan president) and Eiji Suzuki (Federation of Employers' Associations)

Task Force marches on office jobs

Task Force, the recruitment agency which once specialized in placing computer personnel, is expanding further into general office recruitment. The company is paying £300,000 cash for the permanent and temporary secretarial and administrative division of CRC (Commercial).

Last summer, Task Force made its first acquisition since joining the Unlisted Securities Market in 1986 when it paid £4.5 million for the privately-owned Bertram Personnel.

Privatization of Statoil ruled out

Oslo (Reuter) — Norway's Prime Minister Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland has ruled out privatization of any part of the state oil firm Den Norske Stats Oljeselskap (Statoil) after a controversy over massive cost overruns in the company.

The government pledged to look at the structure of Norway's biggest company after it overspent on its Mongstad oil refinery project by some 5 billion kroner.

The board and managing director resigned last November over the affair, which at one stage threatened the government.

The main Conservative opposition party has strongly favoured selling off some parts of Statoil, the cornerstone of Norway's oil-based economy.

But analysts said the Labour government should have no problems resisting such demands.

The new Statoil board, appointed in November, is expected to announce a replacement for the managing director, Mr Arve Johnsen, this week. Mr Johnsen leaves the company on January 15.

BHP site fixed

The Broken Hill Proprietary Co (BHP) has chosen Newcastle, New South Wales, as the site of its previously announced electrolytic manganese dioxide plant.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	517	Coats	1,804	Land Sec	2,180	Rowntree	612
Allid-Lyons	1,515	CU	3,654	Lasmo	108	Royal Bank	392
Amstrad	2,506	Cons Gold	720	LEG	1,646	Royal Ins	3,852
ASDA	1,004	Cookson	784	Lloyds	5,710	Saatchi	1,581
AB Foods	650	Courtaulds	1,057	Londno	1,260	Sainsbury	1,313
Argyll	4,170	Delgety	75	Lucas	915	Scot & N	1,909
BAA	5,410	Dee	6,536	Magnet	861	Sears	1,046
BET	55	Dixons	3,090	M&S	5,306	Sedgwick	1,710
BTR	2,061	ECC	75	Maxwell Cm	1,412	Shell	706
BAT	4,360	Enterprise	1,056	MEPC	487	Smith & N	7,939
Barclays	918	Ferranti	3,412	Metal Box	1,136	STC	2,274
Bass	3,511	Fisons	2,703	Midland	981	Stan Chart	901
Beecham	1,145	Gen Acc	339	NatWest	3,218	Storehse	2,078
Beazer	379	GEC	6,581	Next	2,107	Sun Allnce	149
BICC	5,485	Glaxo	3,688	Nth Food	731	T & N	463
Blue Arrow	1,285	Globe	1,414	P&O	367	Tarmac	1,579
Blue Circle	2,395	Granada	883	Pearl	1,013	Tate & Lyle	446
BOC	3,037	Grand Met	2,524	Pearson	680	TSB	4,306
Boots	301	GUS 'A'	533	Pilkington	7,383	Tesco	1,999
BPB	1,249	GRE	874	Plessey	8,000	Thorn EMI	948
Br Aero	2,715	GKN	1,459	Prudential	1,078	Trafalgar	1,282
Br Airways	1,583	Guinness	1,506	Racal	2,703	THF	5,507
Br Comm	4,145	Hamn 'A'	873	Rk Hovis	535	Ultramar	2,043
Br Gas	16,715	Hanson	13,698	Rank	781	Unigate	270
Br Petrol	12,184	Hawker	654	R&C	177	Unilever	621
Br Telecm	2,738	Hawley	2,467	Redland	587	United Bis	591
Britoil	8,972	Hillsdown	1,886	Reed	1,135	Utd News	810
Bunzl	1,228	IMI	786	Reuters	2,120	Wellcome	1,813
Burmah	269	ICI	2,071	RMC Gp	286	Wmbrd	535
Burton	2,867	Jaguar	2,389	RTZ	1,804	Willis Fab	928
C&W	6,953	Lasmo	1,012	R-Royce	5,420	Woolworth	1,291
Cadbury	1,311	Ladbroke	1,185	Rothsm 'B'	160	Equities page 23	

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Ald Restaurants	61 –1	Roral Hsn	93
Brit Pet P/P	72 +1½	Sec Archives	163
Butte Mining (100p)	113	Shaftsbury (180p)	125 +5
Eurotunnel	240 +5	Shorco	109 +2
Eurotunnel Wrnts	14½	Sykes-Pickavant	118
Fairway London	75	Tomorrows Leisure	31
Gaelic Res	5	Tubular Exhib	20
Hard Rock Cafe	110 +5	URS Intl	42 +1
Do 'A'	78	USDC Inv	105
Hatfield Est (100p)	110 +2	Wilshaw Secs	29 +1
How Group	73 +2		
ISA Intl (80p)	101 +5	RIGHTS ISSUES	
Intl Colour	98	ERA Gp N/P	51 +6
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	150 +3	Gr West 6% N/P	
Mayne Nickless	170 –8	Michael J N/P	
Mowat	35 +1	Maxiprint N/P	9 +3
Nestor-BNA (75p)	83 +5	North Sea N/P	¾ –1
Power Corp	85 +7	Wheway N/P	2¼
Record (88p)	56 +1	(Issue price in brackets).	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
January 4	January 15	April 7	April 18

Call options were taken out on: 5/1/88 J Webb, BP pp(Reg), North Kalgurli Mines, B Priest, Hartons, Astra Holdings, Eagle Trust, Premier, Sears, Sound Diffusion, New England Properties, Ossery, Aberdeen American Petroleum. Put: Suter.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon ('360)	300	63	75	80	2	9	17
	330	35	52	60	7	18	28
	360	13	35	47	20	30	42
Bass ('842)	750	98	125	150	4	22	35
	800	55	95	120	12	37	55
	850	25	68	85	35	60	80
Brit Air ('162)	140	24	33	40	4	9	15
	160	10	20	28	10	16	25
Brit Com ('381)	280	55	70	80	2	15	20
	300	37	55	67	4	20	27
	330	13	35	50	15	32	40
Brit Gas ('132)	120	15	19	23	2½	6	10
	130	7	13	17	8	11	17
	140	—	7	13	—	18	21
BP ('264)	220	48	52	58	1	7	12
	240	30	39	46	3	14	22
	260	13½	28	36	8	23	33
Britoil ('446)	360	93	103	110	4	15	20
	390	70	83	95	7	20	23
	420	53	65	70	13	28	35
Cons Gold ('903)	900	65	115	150	35	120	150
	950	40	85	135	70	150	190
	1000	23	65	110	115	185	230
Courtauld ('356)	300	60	75	83	2	10	20
	330	33	55	62	8	20	32
	360	15	39	48	18	35	48
	390	3	29	36	40	55	67
Cons Union ('353)	330	30	50	59	7	22	32
	360	13	35	47	18	40	48
	390	6	23	37	43	58	65
C & W ('360)	280	82	95	105	1	5	12
	300	62	78	90	2	10	20
	330	37	60	67	7	22	30
	360	17	38	52	17	30	40
GEC ('165)	140	28	33	40	1	5	8
	160	10	19	27	4	11	16
	180	3	10	19	19	24	28
GKN ('300)	280	25	42	55	6	24	32
	300	13	32	45	13	31	42
	330	5	21	35	36	54	60
	360	2	13	25	65	78	89
Grand Met ('468)	380	78	87	100	2	11	17
	420	50	65	80	6	16	27
	460	20	43	58	15	35	45
	500	7	28	40	40	68	67
ICI ('1145)	1050	100	130	170	8	35	75
	1100	67	105	145	32	75	90
	1150	35	87	123	44	100	115
	1200	17	64	108	74	130	142
Jaguar ('333)	300	38	53	68	5	22	28
	330	15	35	50	15	38	42
	360	6	23	40	33	50	56
Land Sec ('483)	420	65	85	93	4	12	22
	460	33	55	70	10	32	35
	500	9	35	50	30	48	57
M & S ('178)	160	24	36	40	3	10	13
	180	10	20	26	11	20	24
	200	4	12	18	26	36	34
R-Royce ('132)	100	34	39	45	1½	5	24
	110	24	31	38	2	8	12
	120	16	27	34	4	11	16
	130	10	20	29	7	15	20
Sainsbury ('229)	200	31	40	50	2	9	13
	220	14	28	37	6	14	21
	240	4	18	27	17	25	31
Shell ('1065)	1000	80	120	145	15	63	80
	1050	38	90	120	33	85	110
	1100	17	65	97	80	120	135
Stanshaw ('258)	220	40	50	58	2	10	15
	240	25	38	47	7	15	22
	260	13	27	37	13	27	33
	280	7	20	30	27	40	45
Trafalgar ('318)	280	45	58	66	3	12	15
	300	28	37	47	8	18	25
	330	9	25	35	29	36	40
TSB ('115)	100	17	23	24	1½	5	7
	110	9	15	18	4	9	10
	120	3	10	13	9	14	17
Woolworth ('265)	240	30	45	55	3	15	18
	260	17	35	45	10	22	27
	280	8	25	35	22	32	40
	300	4	15	25	40	50	50

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad ('120)	110	17	23	30	9	16	12
	120	13	18	22	12	15	17
	130	9	14	—	19	21	—
Barclays ('487)	460	67	92	102	13	20	30
	480	60	70	77	25	35	47
	500	35	50	—	47	57	—
Beecham ('477)	350	100	113	—	5	15	—
	420	75	95	105	12	22	35
	450	47	70	80	32	45	47
	500	27	50	65	65	67	70
Boots ('249)	220	42	45	53	10	14	18
	240	29	32	42	15	23	30
	260	18	25	32	27	35	40
BTR ('282)	240	55	62	—	7	14	—
	260	40	47	55	13	23	30
Blue Circ ('444)	390	58	68	78	28	40	48
	420	33	47	60	45	60	67
	500	20	35	47	70	85	90
Unilev ('208)	180	35	43	52	7	11	22
	200	25	32	40	17	23	28
	220	17	23	29	27	33	38

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo ('1032)	950	143	180	220	40	64	85
	1000	113	152	195	60	85	105
	1050	83	127	170	85	110	130
	1100	68	107	—	115	135	—
Hanson ('134)	110	29	33	—	2½	5	—
	120	21	28	31	4½	8	11
	130	14	20	25	8	13	16
	140	9	16	21	13	17	21
Hawker ('463)	420	63	75	87	15	27	40
	460	42	52	68	35	48	60
Lambo ('252)	200	54	61	—	4	9	—
	220	39	47	53	9	15	22
	240	26	36	43	17	25	31
	260	17	28	34	30	37	44
Midland ('393)	330	82	87	—	6	13	—
	360	62	67	77	17	23	35
	390	40	50	62	32	42	50
Sears ('131)	120	20	28	32	5	9	12
	130	15	21	26	10	16	19
	140	11	15	20	17	21	24
Tesco ('182)	140	32	38	44	5	10	12
	160	19	28	30	13	20	21
	180	—	18	20	—	28	33
Thorn EMI ('558)	460	110	130	—	6	12	—
	500	78	102	115	17	22	33
	550	45	72	85	30	45	57
	600	22	47	—	60	67	—
THF ('228)	200	40	45	52	16	17	25
	220	25	35	40	17	25	35
	240	13	26	32	28	35	43
	260	8	17	—	42	48	—
Unilever ('504)	460	57	85	100	20	35	45
	500	45	63	80	35	57	65
	550	22	43	60	57	85	85
Wellcome ('390)	350	60	72	90	22	35	45
	390	45	57	75	35	50	57
	420	28	43	60	57	67	75

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA ('101)	90	17	23	27	6	10	14
	100	11	17	20	9	14	18
	110	6	12	16	16	19	24
Brit Aero ('351)	300	58	70	75	6	20	32
	330	37	53	58	15	32	48
	360	23	37	45	30	50	58
BAT Ind ('471)	390	66	85	105	4	12	17
	420	50	75	85	10	23	35
	460	34	52	63	23	37	45
	500	16	34	—	45	60	—
Brit Tele ('227)	200	32	38	41	3	7	10
	220	19	26	29	11	14	17
	240	8	16	21	29	28	28
Cadbury ('252)	220	38	45	52	50	12	17
	240	25	32	40	10	17	23
	260	13	21	28	28	28	30
Grimmco ('298)	280	30	40	48	12	22	32
	300	17	28	38	20	35	42
	330	6	18	—	48	52	—
Ladbroke ('348)	300	55	67	73	6	15	20
	330	32	47	55	13	23	30
	360	15	31	38	27	40	45
LASMO ('283)	260	43	57	70	18	32	40
	280	32	47	60	28	42	50
	300	22	35	48	40	52	63
Pilkingtn ('240)	180	65	72	78	2	3	5
	200	47	55	62	4	8	10
	220	32	42	48	10	15	18
	240	20	30	37	18	25	30
Plessey ('153)	130	28	34	39	3	7	10
	140	21	27	34	6	13	17
	150	10	18	24	16	21	27
P & O ('515)	460	65	82	100	8	20	27
	500	42	55	75	22	37	53
	550	22	35	48	56	64	73
Prudential ('846)	750	115	130	140	10	28	35
	800	75	93	113	23	45	55
	850	45	63	88	40	65	80
Racal ('238)	200	43	48	55	4	10	14
	220	27	36	42	8	15	21
	240	15	27	33	16	25	32
RTZ ('360)	300	80	95	105	10	20	43
	330	55	75	85	20	33	50
	360	34	55	70	35	50	70
Vaal Reef ('106)	100	18	25	32	10	14	20
	110	10	18	27	16	22	28
	120	7	14	22	24	30	36
Tr 11¾% 1991 ('£107)	104	2⅝	—	—	1/32	—	—
	105	1⅛	—	—	1/32	—	—
	106	1/32	—	—	2⅜	—	—
	110	1/32	—	—	6⅛	—	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 ('£116)	112	4⅛	5⅝	—	17/32	1⅜	—
	114	3⅛	4	—	1⅝	2⅝	—
	116	2⅛	3	—	3⅛	3⅝	—
	118	1⅝	2⅝	—	3⅝	4⅝	—
	120	1⅛	1⅞	—	4⅝	5⅜	—

FT-SE INDEX ('1789)

Series	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
1550	267	278	290	—	9	21	37	—
1600	266	230	250	270	12	30	48	62
1650	186	192	215	—	30	52	62	—
1700	122	157	183	205	52	68	80	95
1750	91	125	148	—	85	75	98	—
1800	62	100	123	152	70	100	118	140
1850	43	—	—	—	95	—	—	—
1900	23	—	—	—	133	—	—	—

January 5, 1988 . Total: 43033 Calls 28518 Puts 13515 FT-SE: Calls 1476 Puts 1065
*Underlying security price.

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ASSURANCE

Commercial Union Assurance Company plc wishes to draw attention to the fact that there is no connection between itself and Commercial Union International S.A., a Spanish company also known as Comerciales Union Internacional S.A., which publishes a newsletter called "Personal Investor". This newsletter appears to be widely circulated and has caused confusion to certain persons who have thought, erroneously, that it may be associated with Commercial Union Assurance Company plc.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

ZETTERS LEISURE PLC

INTERIM REPORT

	1987 £'000	1988 £'000
Turnover	5,459	4,513
Pre-tax profits	705	640
Earnings per share	3.31p	3.01p
Dividend per share	0.55p	–

"Following record half year results and the demerger from Zetters Group, two new bingo clubs have been acquired and we look forward with confidence to the outcome for the full year."

Paul Zetter, CBE, Chairman

FNFC

making money work for our customers and our shareholders.

(Total Dividends up from 6.39p to 8.75p)

First National Finance Corporation are pleased to announce a final dividend of 5.75p per share for the year ended 31st October 1987, making 8.75p for the year.

The strong growth in Group profits up 46% from £36.4 million to £53.1 million reflects the progress made by all three divisions.

The Consumer Credit Division has contributed substantially to this result and continues to grow.

The Commercial Lending Division and the Property Division are also progressing with encouraging contributions from both.

After this year's excellent results, the current level of new business leads us to expect significant growth in 1988.

Results for year ended 31st October	1987	1986
Profit before taxation	£53,108,000	£36,426,000
Taxation charge/(credit)	£8,114,000	£(322,000)
Preference Dividend	£3,052,000	£1,599,000
Earnings per share	30.9p	27.4p
Dividend per Ordinary share net of tax credit	8.75p	6.39p

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First National Finance Corporation p.l.c.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717272 (Lines open)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	113.3	119.5p	+0.1	9.20
Hi Inc Equity	114.3	121.5p	+2.6	4.89
Worldwide Bd	190.4	202.9	..	4.78
American Gth	131.6	140.2p	+0.3	1.57
Asian Pacific	56.6	59.1p	+2.4	1.24
Assets & Earns	127.5	135.6	+1.3	2.11
Capital Res	78.4	77.0	+0.1	1.31
Comm Energy	99.4	104.6	..	1.09
Euro Capital	83.2	87.9	..	0.13
General	155.2	165.1	+1.7	2.73
Japan	78.3	83.2	+0.4	..
UK Gth Inc	121.8	129.5	+3.0	1.96
Do Acc	177.6	188.9	+4.4	1.38
US Emerg Co	36.6	38.9p	+1.9	0.00
Income Gth	235.0	251.1	+5.5	3.78
Master Acc	67.4	71.7	+1.3	3.56
American Inc	39.6	43.1	+0.3	3.00
Ethical Tst	39.2	41.7	+0.9	3.00

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
4th St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6464

Euro Gth Acc	99.2	105.6	..	1.26
Exempt	354.7	376.9p	..	5.02
Far Eastern	170.4	182.2	..	0.19
Fin & Prop	73.8	78.5	..	2.79
Hi Yield	68.3	72.4	..	9.20
Income & Gr	284.0	300.9p	..	4.72
Ini Earnings	169.1	179.1	..	3.04
Int Growth Inc	78.8	83.9	..	2.29
Japan Gth Acc	126.5	135.1	..	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	181.4	188.4p	..	2.77
Preference Inc	89.4	95.1	..	9.26
Smr Co Div Inc	83.9	89.9p	..	4.55
Spec Sit Co	258.5	273.8	..	1.73
Spec Sits Inc	121.6	128.8	..	3.45
UK Growth	330.1	370.9p	..	3.45

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28291 dealing0793 610366

High Income	289.8	307.2	+0.2	4.78
Equity Inc	164.1	173.9p	+2.7	4.95
High Yield	169.2	179.4	+4.3	4.95
Balanced	397.6	421.5p	+10.5	3.41
Amer Inc	25.8	27.5	+0.9	4.40
World Ass Val	24.2	25.7p	+0.4	1.51
Japan	114.4	121.8p	-0.1	0.01
Soc of Amer	177.6	189.1p	+5.7	1.13
Asset Value	284.2	301.2p	+9.1	3.77
O'seas Earn	200.2	212.2p	+5.6	3.43
Recovery	99.2	105.2	+2.5	2.43
UK Spec Sit	237.7	252.0	+5.7	2.71
Smr Co	108.4	114.9p	+3.5	1.16
Capital	239.1	253.4	+6.7	3.05
Amer Spec Sit	52.9	56.1	+1.9	1.90
International	83.4	88.5p	+1.2	1.50
Growth & Inc	149.7	158.7p	+3.2	3.60
Euro Gth	17.0	18.1	-0.1	1.38
Pacific	178.1	188.7p	+2.5	0.44
2nd Smr Co	197.5	209.3	+2.5	2.06

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
28, Clayponds Street, London EC1
01-374 9931

American	36.2	38.6	+2.1	2.35
Australian	16.4	17.5	+0.2	1.95
Income & Gr	137.7	145.9	+1.2	4.27
High Income	53.2	56.8	+1.4	5.43
International	78.1	81.0	+1.7	0.66
Income Growth	61.5	65.5	+1.4	4.56
Gilt/Fixed Int	22.7	23.9p	+0.1	9.97
Global Inc	32.9	35.1	+1.0	5.56
Spec Sit	59.5	63.3	+1.6	1.40

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	75.7	80.5	+2.0	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	95.7	99.2	+1.8	2.12
Extra Income	91.0	96.8	+1.8	4.98
General	160.3	170.5	+4.4	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	45.7	48.5p	+0.2	9.57
Income Tst	387.1	411.8	+9.2	4.07
Int Income	46.5	49.4p	+0.8	4.89
Smlr Co Inc	34.7	36.9	+0.6	1.47

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 3002

Australia	49.3	54.1	-0.2	0.00
Eastern	58.4	62.4p	+1.3	0.00
Equity Inc	65.2	69.3	+1.7	5.48
Europe	11.6	12.3p	+0.1	0.00
Exempt Tst	53.5	56.9	+0.4	2.60
Growth & Inc	71.6	76.1	+1.8	2.10
Global Gth	56.7	60.3p	+1.0	0.20
Japan Spec	133.1	141.5	-0.7	0.00
Japan Sm	131.3	140.4	+0.9	0.00
First Europe	93.6	99.5	-1.7	0.50
First Japan	88.7	94.8	+0.4	0.60
First N Amer	138.3	147.9p	+1.6	1.40
First Smlr Co	91.6	98.0	+1.2	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.1	39.4	+1.1	0.30
UK Growth	58.0	61.7	+1.3	5.19

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	129.6	152.0	..	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	271.8	295.4	..	1.47
Do Inc	172.0	186.9	..	1.47
High Income	73.9	80.3	..	5.20
Income	87.1	94.7	..	5.15
Man Exempt Inc	75.7	82.3	..	5.25
Do Acc	128.3	139.5	..	5.25
Nth American	41.4	45.0p	..	0.21
Orient	77.1	83.8	..	0.10
Recovery	229.5	257.0	..	0.35
Recovery	55.2	59.9p	..	0.35
German	22.5	24.5	..	1.52
Int Recov	21.6	23.5	..	1.00
Europe	15.6	16.9	..	2.09

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 623 2348

Emerg Inc	56.5	60.1	+0.7	1.70
Fellowship Inc	251.1	267.2p	+7.6	2.10
General Inc 4	409.5	435.7	+12.2	2.10
Income Fd 3	123.7	131.8	+0.5	5.30
Do Acc 3	228.8	243.4	+1.1	5.30
Int Inc 2	99.5	105.8	+1.5	1.50
Do Acc 2	133.0	141.5	+1.9	1.50
Smlr Co 5	84.2	89.5p	+1.3	1.70
Do Acc	91.1	96.9	+1.3	1.70

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8875

Growth	30.4	32.4p	+0.5	2.84
Income	28.7	30.5p	+0.4	4.02
Far East	22.7	24.2p	-0.2	0.26
Nth American	25.6	27.3p	+0.7	0.76
Global	36.2	38.7	+1.1	0.83
European	35.8	38.1	..	1.40
Japan	70.7	75.3	-0.8	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	382.0	406.4	+11.3	2.70
Income	337.7	359.3	+6.7	5.27
Nth Amer	209.9	223.3	+6.7	2.12

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	420.75		+25.8	4.56
Fixed Int	142.65		-3.10	10.02
Deposit	100.0		..	9.20

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	371.66	e	..	5.46
Acc	£11.3469	e	..	5.43
Deposit	100.0		..	

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/77 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6822

S/C Spec Sit	56.6	59.9	..	0.48

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0860 373393

Amer Gth	18.0	19.1	+0.2	1.03
Asian Gth	20.6	21.9	+0.3	1.48
Dragon Gth	17.8	18.9	+0.2	2.71
Equity Hi Inc	53.2	56.3p	+1.2	4.94
European Gth	23.6	24.0	+0.7	2.80
Gen Equity	46.2	48.9	+1.3	2.98
G/F Interl Gth	23.2	24.0	+0.1	7.37
Gvt & Fixed Int	24.6	25.9p	+0.1	9.09
Int Income Tst	21.7	23.0	+0.5	5.61
Japan Gth	37.8	40.0	+0.6	0.00
Pledge Gth	27.4	29.1	+0.7	4.27
Special Sits	33.5	35.5	+0.8	2.25

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 9818

UK & Gen Inc	51.3	54.6p	+1.2	3.72
Do Acc	52.7	56.1p	+1.3	3.72
Income Inc	54.7	58.2p	+1.4	4.06
Do Acc	56.3	59.9p	+1.5	4.06
Worldwide Inc	40.6	43.4p	+1.0	1.91
Do Acc	40.8	43.6p	+1.0	1.91
Gamma Inc	31.5	33.5	+0.5	0.80
Do Acc	31.5	33.5	+0.5	0.80
Amer Gth	50.8	54.0	+1.9	0.79
Euro Gth	45.1	48.0	-0.1	0.60
Far East	51.5	54.8	+0.9	0.04

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

Amer Tst	98.7	106.7p	+4.0	0.94
Canadian Gth	17.3	18.7	+0.3	1.50
European Tst	78.9	85.3	-1.0	..
Growth Tst	249.8	270.1	+8.2	3.17
High Income	307.6	332.5	+9.8	4.90
Int Tech Tst	98.1	106.1	+2.7	..
Japanese Tst	178.6	193.1	+0.5	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Regents, Surrey RH2 9SL
0737-242624

European Gth	44.1	47.5	..	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	92.1	34.9	..	1.30
International	43.9	47.3p	+1.5	3.50
N Amer Gth	38.8	36.5	+1.5	1.00
Pacific Gth	46.8	50.2	+1.2	0.50
UK Gth Acc	58.8	63.3	+2.6	0.50
Do Dist	57.4	61.8	+2.6	0.50
UK Income	55.8	60.8	+3.0	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fd	52.4	55.8	+2.2	1.79
Capital Fd	114.5	122.0	+2.4	1.39
Eurofund	19.5	20.8p	+0.4	2.64
Growth & Inc	160.0	175.7	+3.6	3.98
High Dist Fd	141.8	151.0	+3.5	4.97
International	177.5	189.0	+4.9	1.19
Pacific Fd	17.2	18.4	+0.9	0.00
Recovery Fd	22.2	23.6	+0.4	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	35.4	37.7p	-0.2	..
Tokyo Fd	160.6	171.0	+0.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	109.5	112.5	+0.2	2.04
Ex Japan 3	100.9	107.5	..	0.00
Ex Pacific 4	261.9	268.8	..	0.35
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

UK Eaton Inc	80.3	85.2p	+1.7	2.88
Do Acc	83.7	88.8p	+1.8	2.74
UK Gth Acc	114.0	121.0	+2.5	2.27
UK High Inc	91.8	97.4	+2.4	4.50
UK Mid Acc	58.5	62.4	+2.0	1.11
Far East Acc	97.6	104.1	+2.6	0.74
European Acc	62.3	66.5	-1.4	1.56
UK Gt/Fi Inc	36.3	38.7p	+0.1	9.85
Do Acc	37.4	39.9p	+0.1	9.85
Int Spec Sit	35.1	37.4	+0.8	1.81

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hexagon House Rosford
RH1 3LB
01706 60866
Endurance 105.2 112.0 .. 1.84

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Wellos Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431488

Equit Pelican	89.2	94.9	+2.4	3.17
High Income	91.7	97.6	+2.0	4.56
Gt/Fxd Interst	51.0	54.3p	-1.2	7.63
Tst Of Inc Tsts	72.7	77.5	+1.3	1.99
Spec Sits Tst	89.0	94.7	+2.5	0.51
Nth Amer Tst	48.5	51.6	+1.8	1.72
Far East Tst	87.9	93.6	+0.3	0.43
Int Growth	46.6	49.6	+1.7	1.84
European Tst	37.1	39.5	+1.0	1.77

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Rise Corporation St. Coventry
CV1 1BD
0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	168.6	179.3	+4.1	3.45
Do Inc	141.5	150.5	+3.4	3.45
Higher Inc Acc	310.4	330.2	+7.3	4.47
Do Inc	238.3	253.5	+5.6	4.47
Gilt/Fixed	108.3	115.0	+2.3	8.13
Do Inc	85.0	89.4	+0.2	8.13
N Amer Acc	105.8	112.5	+4.8	0.18
Far East Acc	174.4	185.5	+1.4	0.07
Euro Tst Acc	167.7	174.5	-3.3	1.38
Gen Tst	249.3	265.2	+7.1	3.56
Int Excel	38.6	41.0	+1.2	3.01

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	47.8	50.9	+1.5	0.16
UK Inc Fd	90.7	96.5	+2.1	3.70
Far East Fd	75.9	80.8	+1.4	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.0	59.6p	+1.8	4.27
Fxd Interest	57.0	60.7p	-0.1	9.77
Natural Res Fd	56.4	60.0	+1.1	2.75
European Inc	53.6	57.3	+1.2	3.88
Financials Fd	41.4	44.1	+1.4	3.40
Int Tech Fd	94.1	100.2	+2.0	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Baltic Gth Acc	61.9	65.8	+1.6	..
Do Inc	60.3	64.2	+1.6	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	29.0	30.8p	+0.7	..
Do Inc	27.7	29.5p	+0.7	5.10
Inc Gth Acc	32.0	33.3p	+0.5	..
Do Inc	46.2	49.2p	+0.5	4.00
Serv Co Acc	64.0	68.1	+1.6	..
Do Inc	62.8	66.8	+1.6	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	20.0	21.3	+0.6	..
Do Inc	20.0	21.3	+0.6	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	14.2	15.1	..	1.00
Do Inc	14.2	15.1	..	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rose Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1GY
Callfree 0800 414181

American	67.1	93.2	+4.0	1.16
Amer Emrg Inc	29.1	28.9p	+0.5	0.22
Amer Spec Sit	35.5	38.1	+0.5	0.17
Australia	19.0	20.3	-0.3	2.09
European	44.0	47.1	-0.9	..
European Inc	19.5	20.8	-0.1	4.57
Global Conv	29.9	32.3p	..	5.91
Far East Inc	34.7	37.0	-0.2	3.97
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.9	e	..	9.56
Growth & Inc	109.3	117.0p	+0.7	4.08
Japan Spec Sit	54.7	58.6	+0.7	..
Japan	134.4	143.8	-1.8	..
Man Interest	108.4	116.1	+1.4	0.73
Man Inc Easy	101.1	108.2	+0.3	4.63
Pacific Basin	38.2	40.9	+2.2	2.73
SE Asia	27.5	29.3	+0.1	0.61
Spec Sit	94.1	100.6	+0.5	0.61
Eastern Opps	18.8	20.0	-0.3	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer/Gen Inc	143.4	151.7	+4.6	..
Do Acc	145.5	155.0	+4.6	..
Amer Turn Inc	151.8	160.6	+5.8	1.03
Do Acc	157.5	166.6	+6.1	1.03
Capital Inc	250.5	267.1	+8.3	2.22
Do Acc	311.2	329.3	+8.3	2.22
Conv/Gth Inc	98.3	104.0p	+0.6	4.38
Do Acc	138.9	146.9p	+0.7	4.38
Europ/Gen Inc	48.0	50.7	+0.3	0.56
Do Acc	48.2	51.0	+0.3	0.56
Extra Inc Inc	224.2	237.2	+3.1	4.60
Do Acc	249.7	264.2	+3.7	4.60
Financial Acc	37.9	40.1	+0.9	0.29
Do Inc	37.7	39.8	+0.8	0.29
Income Tst	149.3	157.9p	+3.5	4.62
Do Acc	164.9	174.4p	+3.9	4.62
Int Growth Inc	128.8	136.2	+4.2	..
Do Acc	143.0	151.3	+4.6	..
Japan/Gen Inc	93.5	101.0	+0.7	..
Do Acc	94.5	102.1	+0.8	..
Monthly Inc Fd	114.3	120.9p	+2.4	3.91
PEP 87	53.6	56.7	+1.9	2.67
Recovery	158.0	167.1	+5.5	1.92
Do Acc	172.7	182.7	+7.1	1.28
Smaller Inc	49.8	52.7	+0.9	1.91
Do Acc	49.8	52.7	+0.9	1.91

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411522

Equity Inc	221.0	234.5	+8.7	2.66
Do Acc	380.3	403.7	+15.0	2.66
Euro Gth Dist	45.8	48.6	-0.6	1.03
Do Acc	45.8	48.6	-0.6	1.03
Fxd Interest Di	115.4	122.7	+0.5	10.10
Do Acc	145.9	155.2	+0.3	10.10
Int Gth Dist	46.3	49.1	+0.2	1.53
Do Acc	46.3	49.1	+0.2	1.53
Nth Amer Dist	104.5	111.0p	+4.8	2.34
Do Acc	106.3	112.9p	+5.3	2.34
Pac Basin Dist	146.7	155.8p	+1.2	0.19
Do Acc	146.8	156.0p	+1.2	0.19
Steward Dist	217.9	231.3	+2.5	1.26
Do Acc	228.4	242.4	+3.8	1.26
Steward Inc Di	51.4	54.5	+0.5	3.67
Do Acc	51.4	54.5	+0.5	3.67
N Am Stwd Di	47.2	50.1	+1.2	1.99
Do Acc	47.2	50.1	+1.2	1.99

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 1, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YP
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Spec Sit	51.9	55.3	+1.6	0.70
UK Cap Inc	123.6	131.6	+3.6	2.40
Do Acc	161.0	182.6	+4.5	2.40
Income Fd	94.9	100.9	+1.7	5.20
International	139.7	148.7	+3.1	0.50
US & General	43.5	46.3	+1.7	1.16
Japan & Gen	284.0	249.9	+0.6	0.10
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European Fd	181.0	203.2	-0.2	0.10
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Cap Gth Inc	46.2	49.2	+0.6	1.30
Do Acc	71.0	75.7	+2.3	2.11
European	178.9	190.5	+4.2	0.94
Euro Inc Tst	39.3	42.0	..	5.58
Euro Smlr Co	48.4	51.7	-1.0	0.00
Extra Income	224.4	238.9p	+3.6	3.53
Financial Tst	192.7	182.7p	+2.2	2.08
Fxd Interest	39.4	58.9p	..	9.51
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.1	50.2	..	9.64
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Gold	38.9	41.5	-0.8	..
High Income	229.3	244.0	+4.6	3.80
Hong Kong	48.7	51.8	+1.1	0.77
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Do Acc	353.5	376.1p	+8.7	2.75
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1	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
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3	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
4	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
5	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
6	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
7	Cranford Eng	Industrials A-D	
8	Hong Kong Land	Property	
9	Booker	Foods	
10	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
11	Intl Bus Comms	Newspapers,Pub	
12	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
13	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
14	Egerton Trust	Property	
15	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
16	Bucklays	Breweries	
17	AB Elect	Electricals	
18	Mountleigh	Property	
19	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
20	Armstrong	Motors,Aircraft	
21	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
22	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
23	Calor Gp	Oil,Gas	
24	Hawley (as)	Industrials E-K	
25	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
26	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
27	Anwoods	Building,Roads	
28	Crystalate	Electricals	
29	Rowntree (as)	Foods	
30	Baynes (Charles)	Industrials A-D	
31	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Nestor-BNA	Industrials L-R	
33	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
34	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
35	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
36	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
37	Metal Box (as)	Industrials L-R	
38	Wood (SW)	Industrials S-Z	
39	BTR (as)	Industrials A-D	
40	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
41	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
42	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
43	Stoddard	Textiles	
44	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
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BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. Gross yield%	Red. yield%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102¼	94¾	Exch 10¾% 1988	100⅞	..	10.4	8.709
101⅞	95	Treas 09½% 1988	100⅝	..	9.7	8.777
98⅝	89¾	Treas 9% 1979-86	98⅛	..	9.1	8.728
107⅜	99⅛	Treas 9¼% 1989	102⅝	..	10.3	9.177
105⅞	95⅞	Treas 11½% 1989	102⅝	..	11.5	9.177
104⅝	97½	Treas 10½% 1989	101⅞	..	10.5	9.154
105⅜	96⅜	Exch 10% 1989	101⅞	..	10.6	9.171
108⅛	99⅝	Treas 10¾% 1989	103⅝	..	10.6	9.203
105⅜	95⅜	Exch 11% 1989	102⅝	..	10.7	9.208
105⅜	95⅜	Treas 9% 1989-92	95⅞	..	9.3	7.774
102⅛	93⅝	Treas 8¾% 1990	95⅝	..	9.1	9.124
106⅜	95⅜	Treas 9% 1990	98⅝	..	9.1	9.176

MEDIA & MARKETING

The discovery of women

OPINION
Suzanne Lowry

The appointment of Eve Pollard as editor of the *Sunday Mirror* brings the number of women editors on national newspapers to two. If one swallow didn't make a summer, a brace seems at least to augur well for sunny spells. Or does it?

Ten years ago, when women newscasters were still news and Mrs Thatcher was not yet Prime Minister, the prospect of a woman editor of a national newspaper seemed remote, radical. Now it seems a normal part of an inexorable progression — or regression — into a more personal, magazine-y, entertainment-orientated style of journalism.

And hey presto, from a situation in which there was, so it was argued, a dearth of the right kind of female talent and experience at the top, there exists a whole galaxy of promotable women.

It was thought, until recently, that the "quality" end of the Street would be the first to give women the high chance. After all, *The Times* and *The Guardian* each had had women news editors at a time when this would have been unthinkable on the tabloids. Not a bit of it.

Trailblazing Rupert Murdoch's *News of the World*, a notorious purveyor of Sunday sex, sexism and scandal, last year appointed 33-year-old Wendy Henry as editor. She was said to be "competent", "tough" and "professional". Pollard attracts the same epithets. She comes from a series of impressive jobs, on the *Sunday Mirror* and the *Mail on Sunday's You* magazine. That pedigree and the final jump are significant.

It was, again, the *News of the World* that launched the first of the "popular" Sunday supplement with *Sun Day* in 1981; then *You* was created, aiming unashamedly at women readers. There followed a time of frenzied hiring and re-hiring of women magazine editors in Fleet Street — by *You*, the *Sunday Telegraph*, *Sunday Times* and *Observer* magazines. It was as if women journalists had just been invented.

According to the old newspaper formula, daddy read the serious, important bits while mummy read the fashion, cookery, gynaecology and, if she was clever, the book reviews.

Suddenly it dawned that mummy wasn't "just a housewife" any more, but a breadwinner, a bank clerk, a businesswoman or goodness knows what else besides or instead. And she had her own money to spend.

Advertising people started talking about "the ambiguous woman" and casting her in commercials. Fleet Street editors were slower to catch on to this contradictory creature. To many of them, women were divided into groups — feminists, creatures who never bought anything; sexpots who didn't think anything; and little women who scour supermarkets for bargains.

But the specific and serious arguments that were going on about discrimination and equality led to a host of other arguments, in a massive social and domestic shift which is still in progress.

Willy nilly, women's subjects, like women themselves, began to seep into the journalistic mainstream. For example, health — once seen primarily as a woman's page topic — now often gets a page to itself.

At the same time, a concern with "lifestyle" and "leisure" has spawned huge weekend sections of consumer and behavioural features, with advertising to match.

Against this background it is scarcely surprising that two popular Sunday newspapers should appoint women editors. Whether they develop into pawns or pioneers remains to be read.

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A paper in the pink



The *Financial Times* is 100 years old this year and, as Andrew Lycett finds, it has never been healthier. But can it fend off buyers if it continues to expand?

Geoffrey Owen edits the *Financial Times* from a frayed chair in an office overlooking St Paul's cathedral. At his side rests an old-fashioned typewriter. The bookshelves have a 1950s lending library look about them and Owen's desk is flanked by 14 chairs, the visible evidence of his collegiate editing style.

The room may say something about Owen, but neither it nor its location in the listed Bracken House in the City offers a clue to the real *FT*, which will mark this, its centenary year, by joining the exodus from the old newspaper stamping grounds.

In the summer, the *FT's* printing operation moves to a glass-fronted works at the old East India Dock. Commuters on the A13 may glimpse through the windows the *FT* being produced on two seven-unit offset presses stretching 100 metres inside the works — an appropriate symbol for the paper and its expansionary ambitions. Each press will allow the *FT* to print 56 pages in up to four sections



Facing the future: Frank Barlow (left) and Geoffrey Owen at Bracken House

and another, eight-unit press, permitting 64 pages, is already on order.

Editorial and advertising departments are also moving house, but south rather than east — to a building on the south side of Southwark Bridge. "The *FT* is essentially a child of the City in that our roots are here," says chief executive Frank Barlow. "We do not feel it would be right to stray too far."

The printing works officially comes on stream in July — at the height of the centenary celebrations — but to some extent the focus of attention has switched from the journalistic activities of the robust pink "child of the City" to the susceptibility of its parent to a takeover.

Rupert Murdoch's taking of a stake in the Pearson Group of close to 15 per cent raised the spectre of a change of ownership for the *FT*, one which refuses to go away despite firm denials on both sides. But in Barlow's sixth floor office and that of Owen on the second floor, the focus is clearly on beginning the *FT*'s second century as impressively as it is ending the first.

The *FT*'s debut was as a four-page broadsheet on February 13 1888, announcing itself as the friend of "the honest financier, the bona fide investor and the respectable broker". For many years it competed fiercely with the less respected *Financial News*, adopting pink paper to distinguish itself from its rival in 1893. In 1945 the *News* took over the *FT* but the latter sold more copies and had a higher reputation, so *Financial Times* was the name that lived on.

It has never been stronger. Barlow reels off the figures: an average sale for the second half of 1987 passing 300,000 for the first time, a November peak of 317,000, circulation up 40 per cent in the last five years, four years of record profit growth.

The breakdown of the figures for the circulation increase — up 32 per cent in Britain, 37 per cent in the rest of Europe, 170 per cent in the United States — holds the key to the takeover talk. The *FT* already prints in London, Frankfurt and New Jersey and has recently signed a contract printing deal in France. And it has just bought 25 per cent of the Canadian weekly *Financial Post*, which goes daily next month. But the cost of major expansion in its international operations, perhaps another plant in the US or one in the Far East, would swallow the *FT*'s £28 million a year profits.

Barlow thinks Murdoch may want to use the *FT* to take on the *Wall Street Journal* in the US. But Barlow is sceptical, on grounds of cost-effectiveness. He points out that the publishers of *USA Today* have spent more than $2 billion without yet securing their market niche and the *Wall Street Journal* is still not making a profit in Asia.

Barlow is defensive about another major attraction for the buyers: the *FT*'s electronic database. "There are those idiots who think the *FT* has missed the boat and should be doing what Reuters does," he says, adding that such people do not understand the difference between Reuters' real-time dealing information and the *FT*'s daily stock market details, with their value added in the form of price/earnings ratios, yields and dividends. Barlow says the *FT*'s listings will be available on an historical basis in May, bringing additional revenue.

The *FT* has had its share of industrial relations troubles over the years, but Barlow prides himself on the effectiveness of a no-nonsense approach and he has whittled down the workforce from 1,600 to 1,100, ready for the move to the new plant. *FT* journalists already use direct-inputting of stories but Barlow says there are no plans at present to go over to on-screen page make up.

Barlow once worked for Cecil King at the Mirror Group and says that one thing he learnt there was to let the editor edit: "If I edited a newspaper it would have a circulation of one."

Back on the second floor, the man who built a circulation of 300,000-plus says that for all the expansion overseas, there is still growth potential in the UK. Owen wants to "deepen our penetration of the British market" in two ways: putting more emphasis on domestic political and social events — "ensuring we're in the forefront of debate where in the old days our coverage might have been marginal, such as the Health Service — and "pushing our business readership down from the boardroom to include the works and export managers".

And politically? "We're certainly not uncritical supporters of the present Government, but most of the things it has done we have been in favour of. We judge issues on a case by case basis. We have certain guidelines of thought. We believe in the efficiency of markets, but we've not taken this to the point of a crusade."

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Shah's chance

Could yet another national tabloid ever pay its way?

The new national tabloid announced by Eddy Shah this week should reach its 200,000 break-even circulation figure but it will have difficulty attracting advertising except at giveaway prices, say the media watchers.

His intention to woo disaffected *Star* readers is applauded by Terry Connor, newspaper analyst for stockbrokers James Capel. "The tabloid market has been very soggy for some months. Shah is right to aim for that level," Connor says.

But the finance, in his view, is a much less certain proposition. "After the problems of the *News on Sunday* and the *London Daily News*, the idea of the newspaper industry as a treasure trove has been dispelled. If the institutions are to invest, the whole project will have to be put together in a far more rigorous fashion than was the case with *Today*."

Advertisers, too, doubt whether Shah has hit upon a formula to turn the paper into a huge success. "What can he offer that other people can't?" asked Alec Kenny, media director of Saatchis. "I don't think that lack of nipples is a unique selling point. And even if 400,000 people buy it, I am not sure that I would find the newspaper very attractive."

The point is echoed by Mike Wood, media director at J Walter Thompson. If advertising is to be picked up, he says, it will have to be sold at a very low price. "The other players are too large, and the newspaper wouldn't reach new readers."

As for Fleet Street, the mood is sceptical. Tom Balstow, the veteran analyst, is bluntly dismissive. "It sounds like a turkey to me, he said. "Shah is a printer, not a journalist. He doesn't know what he wants to do in journalistic terms. If he was going to succeed, it would have been with *Today*."

Kate Finch

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Round peg, square hole

Advertisers and ITV chiefs are jubilant about a fixed time for *Newsnight*

Last night BBC2 showed *Kramer vs Kramer*, the emotionally harrowing Dustin Hoffman-Meryl Streep film about a divorced couple's fight for custody of their child, and not the sort of movie appropriate for showing before the BBC's 9pm "watershed".

But from this autumn BBC2's new controller, Alan Yentob, will find it increasingly difficult to show a film like *Kramer vs Kramer* at all — because at 100 minutes it is simply too long.

The controversial decision by BBC director-general Michael Checkland to schedule BBC2's *Newsnight* at 10.30 each evening will make it impossible to squeeze any film longer than 90 minutes into the BBC2 weekday schedule if the "common junction" between BBC1 and BBC2 at the start of the *Nine O'Clock News* (when viewers can switch to the other BBC channel rather than to ITV) is maintained.

"The only decent movies BBC2 will be able to show after a common junction will be Woody Allen, and they've just done those," says one ITV executive. "Having to fill fixed slots creates enormous scheduling problems unless you make all your own material or you cut it heavily — which isn't BBC2's style."

A glance at this week's BBC2 schedule reveals the extent of the problem. Only on Friday does *Newsnight* start at 10.30pm. On other nights, programmes are either too long, like *Kramer vs Kramer*, or just too short to fit a 9.30-10.30 slot — Monday's *Moonlighting* and the new drama series *Campaign* tonight are both 50 minutes long and would leave the channel with an awkward 10-minute gap to fill.

Proponents of a fixed start time for *Newsnight* argue that viewers will always know when to find the programme, although whether this will increase its audience is a debatable point. Ratings analyst Jane Perry at advertising agency Young & Rubicam says that *Newsnight* consistently has the lowest ratings of all four channels in its time-slot.

The audience (on average about a million) varies widely from day to day, though Perry says there is no obvious reason why. She concludes that a 10.30 start-time will make it easier for the programme's few loyal viewers to find it, but even easier for rival channels to schedule popular programmes in opposition.

And indeed ITV executives have reacted gleefully to the news. Andy Allen, Central TV's programme controller, is in no doubt that ITV and Channel 4 will benefit, especially given the scheduling skills of Channel 4's newly-appointed chief executive, Michael Grade.

Better still, he adds, would be a longer *Nine O'Clock News*, which BBC deputy director-general John Birt also wants: "If they extend the *Nine O'Clock News* to 45 minutes that would be terrific. I can't wait."

Advertisers, too, believe the decision will increase commercial television's audience at the BBC's expense. "It's one of the best bits of news I've heard this year," says John Blakemore, head of television buying at Ogilvy & Mather. "My feeling was that ITV and Channel 4 combined looked likely to pull back to a 52 per cent share of the audience. I am now even more confident that that will happen."

Nick Higham

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New brain for the BBC

The head of the Corporation's newly formed policy and planning unit tells Richard Evans of life in the think-tank — and puts a political ghost to rest

John Rogers



Patricia Hodgson: trying to assess the BBC's role in the imminent broadcasting revolution

It is now more than 13 years since the young Conservative candidate, complete with a regulation rosette, posed for the Press on the steps of Islington town hall with a barrow full of 50p coins as a warning about inflation.

Despite her subsequent lack of political activity, and her highly successful career at the BBC, Patricia Hodgson has never been allowed to forget that appearance. "Ms Hodgson, a former Conservative parliamentary candidate" has appeared in virtually every story about the Corporation high-flyer, who started off in 1970 as an education radio producer and within 15 years had risen to become Secretary of the BBC.

Following yet further promotion late last year, and with Labour politicans anxious to prove that the BBC has been tamed by the Government, it has even been suggested mischievously that she is Mrs Thatcher's Trojan Horse within Broadcasting House. Not only is it untrue — she is not and, astonishingly, never has been a member of the Conservative party — but it hurts.

"When I became Deputy Secretary in 1982 some of the papers ran shock, horror stories about 'top Tory in the BBC'. It has certainly been, in publicity terms, a difficulty for me. But if anybody thought I was not totally professional and impartial in the way I carried out my job, I don't think I would have continued to hold it."

'Because of the way it is funded, the BBC can take risks'

Last autumn she was put in charge of arguably the most important backroom team ever assembled by the BBC. Her new title, head of the policy and planning unit, is, she admits, "awful." But the way the unit carries out its tasks and functions could be crucial to the fast-changing Corporation as it faces the broadcasting revolution.

In a sense the unit is a think-tank, troubleshooter and crystal ball gazer rolled into one, although that is not exactly the way she would put it: "What the unit is doing is bringing together people with editorial, research and political experience and nous, backed up with a great deal of professionalism . . . and that resource is being plugged right into day-to-day management."

A quick taste of its work finds John Wilson, controller of editorial policy, not only organizing the Corporation's response to the unexpected government injuction against *My Country, Right or Wrong*, but also preparing an updated news and current affairs index, which acts as a policy "bible" for journalists.

Margaret Douglas, the chief political adviser, who is responsible for matters including political balance and bias, is currently preparing the BBC evidence to be put before the House of Commons home affairs select committee's planned inquiry into the future pattern of broadcasting. Chris Irwin, who joined the unit this week, will be looking ahead to see how developments in British broadcasting, like a new fifth channel, are likely to affect the BBC.

Meanwhile Hodgson is looking at sponsorship, the changes which would be needed to the BBC charter, and the framework to prepare for the boom in independent producers, as well as ensuring that work is carried out in response to needs identified by Michael Checkland, John Birt and the powerful BBC board of management.

In a nutshell, the unit aims to spot not only the problems but also the opportunities available to the BBC, to suggest the effect of changes in government policy and broadcasting, and prepare management in advance.

"If we are involved day to day in briefing on editorial problems, in being aware of what is coming in to Mike Checkland's in-tray, in what he is having to grapple with, at the same time as we are looking ahead, we hope the sort of assessments we make will be realistic, practical and helpful to management."

The Corporation, she feels, is emerging with a new confidence and beginning to see where it might fit into the new broadcasting world. Although there will be more competition and extra channels, she believes the BBC will carve out a special place, based on the range of excellence of its programmes.

"And because of the way it is funded — by licence fee — it can take risks. It can afford to make programmes for minorities and develop programmes that challenge people."

BYLINES

Price of independents

The BBC's harmonious relationship with independent producers has suffered a set-back with the discovery last month that the Corporation was on course to commission programmes worth £5 million more than it can afford.

Last summer Michael Grade announced that the BBC would be spending £10 million on 200 hours of independently-produced programming in 1988-89. Independents, like the BBC's own producers, were asked to put programme proposals to heads of department, who in turn took the proposals to Grade.

But following Grade's sudden departure to Channel 4, the BBC discovered that over-enthusiastic department heads had put into development no fewer than 246 hours of programmes, at a cost of £15 million. A rapid reassessment is now under way. Departments have been given until next week to decide which programmes will have to be postponed, cancelled or made more cheaply.

"Individual producers may feel aggrieved," says Paul Styles, of the Independent Programme Producers' Association, "but I'm advising people to be cool and to make business-like decisions." The over-commissioning, he says, is simply proof of the enthusiasm with which the BBC's middle management has embraced independent production.

Water sport

Nick Gordon, deputy editor of the *Daily Mail* for the past six months, is to succeed Eve Pollard as editor of the *Mail on Sunday's* magazine, *You*. Gordon has no magazine experience, but not inconsiderable editorial flair. His greatest achievement, when running the *Mail's* showbiz pages, was undoubtedly to persuade the retiring Admiral-of-the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton to pose, surrounded by a fleet of boats and wearing his admiral's hat, in a Victorian pedestal bath.

Solo mission?

Does the Government want to privatize BBC1? Home Office minister Timothy Renton left yesterday on a fact-finding trip to France and Italy, after a similar tour last year to look at broadcasting in the US and Canada. In Italy he will be looking at forthcoming legislation to reimpose some regulation on the country's chaotic broadcasting. But in France he will be inquiring into the success of the newly-privatized TF1, which, until transport magnate Francis Bouygues took control with Robert Maxwell, was the nearest French equivalent to the BBC's flagship channel.

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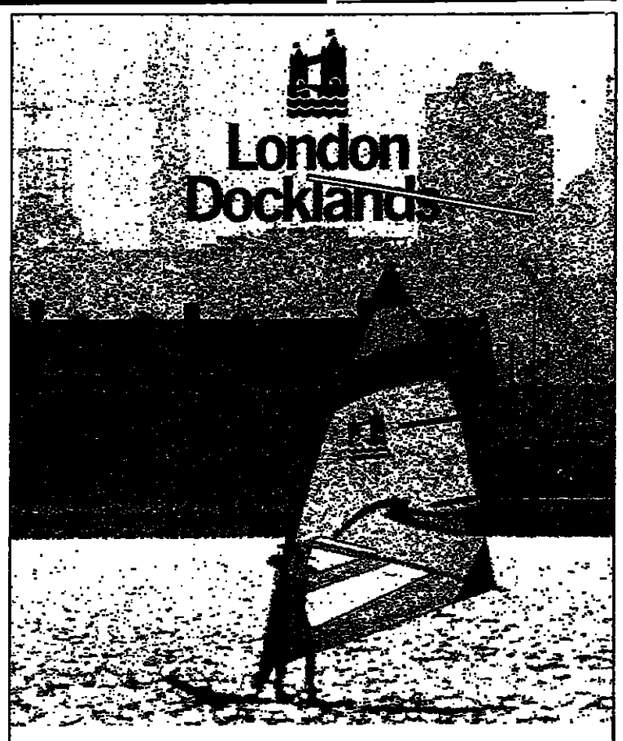
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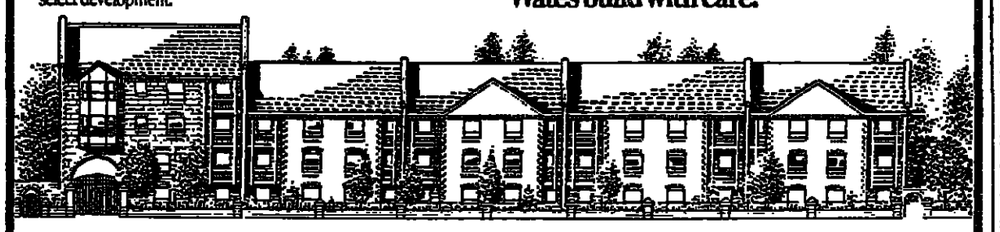
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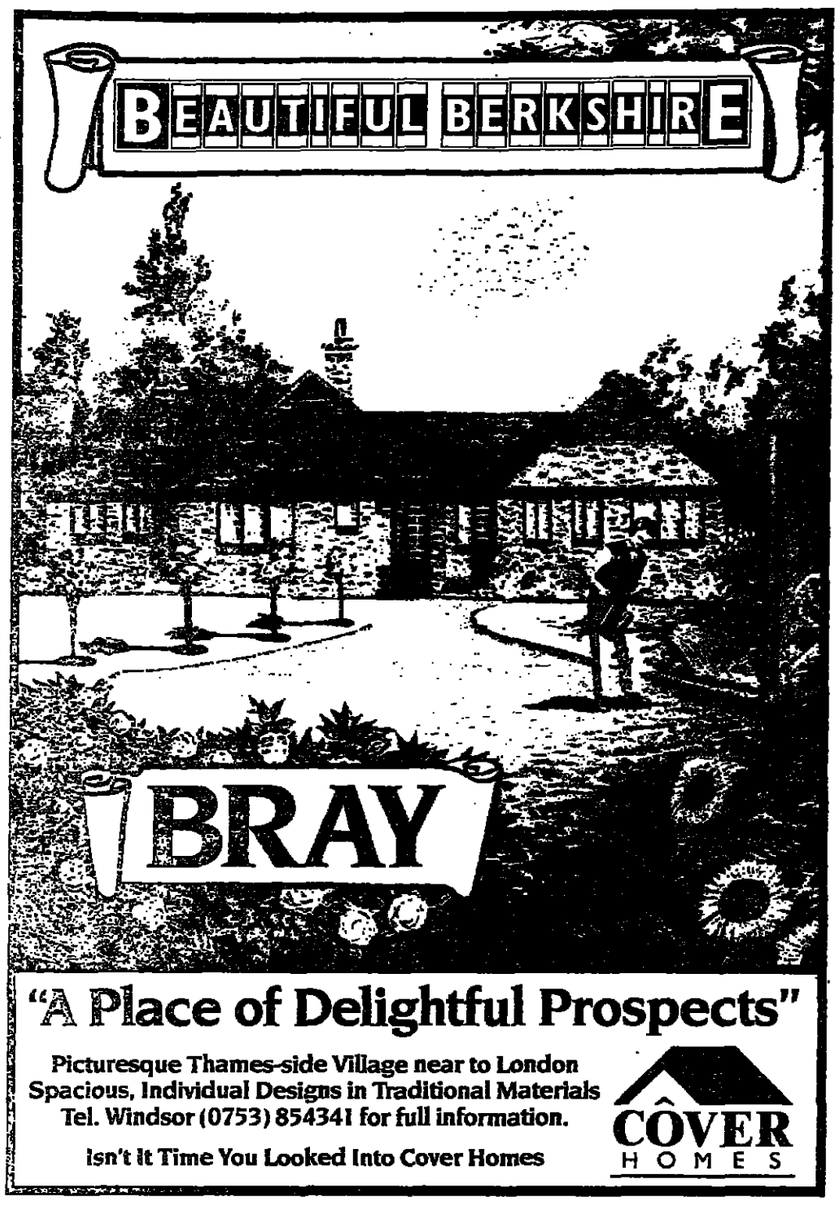
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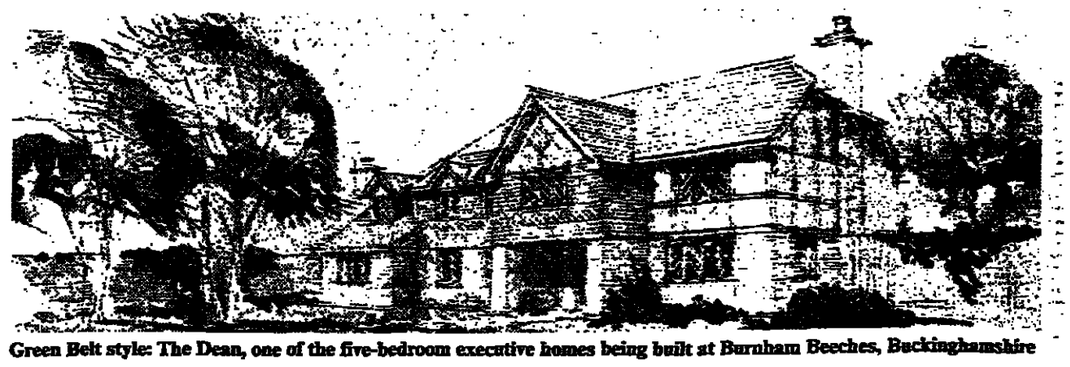
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Charles Church, chairman of Charles Church Developments, at Camberley, Surrey, gives a warning in his annual report that county councils in the South-East are proposing reduced allocations of residential building land up to the year 2001. He says: "The net result will be insufficient homes for the children of the very people who advocate restraint, which will mean those children having to move outside of the area where they have grown up and have family ties." He promises efforts to ensure his company obtains its fair share of approved growth.

Berkeley Homes, which, like Charles Church, is known for its executive homes with "kerb appeal", readily enters Green Belt areas and fights planning authorities for consent. In Marlow, Buckinghamshire, Berkeley Homes tried for a 22-acre site on a hill, which its chairman Peter Francis described as a vacant field surrounded by houses. Although the site was not in the Green Belt, the matter was fought on Green Belt issues and turned down.

The company has been luckier with two sites within the Green Belt, and in both cases has achieved planning gains. In the Surrey village of Betchworth, the grand Betchworth House has been restored from the proceeds of land sold at Home Farm, where four large houses are being built, and at the Walled Garden, where the company has built some smaller terrace houses. At Home Farm, the houses, each with grounds of about a third of an acre, have been set in the land's natural contours to help them to blend into their surroundings.

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

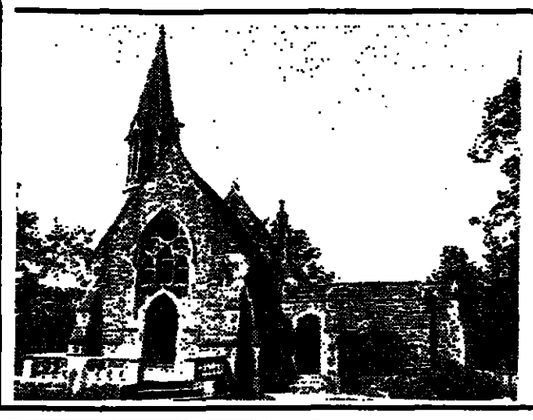
The sale also included a large and derelict barn dating from the 17th century, now converted into two houses. The work involved the total dismantling of the building, every timber being carefully numbered before re-assembly. The main beams are intact, but some new oak was needed to replace rotten wood, and this has all had an ageing treatment to give it a sculptured grain.

One of Berkeley Homes' present projects is in the heart of Burnham Beeches, 500 acres of protected Green Belt woodland in Buckinghamshire, owned by the City of London Corporation. The company negotiated to build on the 17-acre site for more than two years as there were difficulties from the owner and South Buckinghamshire District Council. It was supported by the corporation and eventually received approval without a public inquiry.

The site had included a club and a swimming pool, popular with film people from Pinewood Studios a few years ago, but the area had deteriorated and was more recently used as a fun fair and market. There were established uses that could be revived, and that prospect made the concept of up-market housing more attractive.

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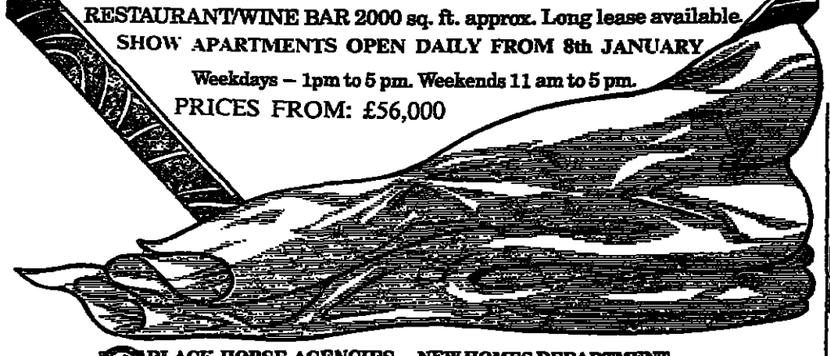
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Culture-shock and shell-shock in the Cup

Tin hats on parade for the war game

FA CUP



A sense of humour meets a vote of confidence: Atkinson and Lucas, Albion manager and chairman, in the manager's office

Plough Lane on Saturday will not be as much of a culture-shock for Ron Atkinson as some might imagine. One tends to think of the former Manchester United manager in terms of Italian suits, Havana cigars and the Bernabeu Stadium and to forget the time when it was Burton suits, Spanish cigarellos and Kettering Stadium.

The last occasion on which Atkinson went to Wimbledon in a competitive capacity was as player-manager of Kettering Town for a Southern League match in the early Seventies. The public remember him for his million-pound buys and sales and FA triumphs but have long forgotten, if they ever knew, how he took Cambridge United into the second division "for threepence" — or £15,000 in most people's currency.

Wimbledon's football probably has not changed that much in all those years and Atkinson will give it the same respect he did last time. It is certainly not the setting he would have chosen to re-establish contact with the first division. "I had a premonition we would come out of the hat opposite Wimbledon," he said. "Everybody knows we've drawn the short straw. It's the tie nobody wanted — away from home against an in-form first division team with little chance of financial compensation. Yet, funnily enough, certain experiences we're finding in the second division might stand us in good stead."

Atkinson is clearly not particularly smitten by the *different* quality of football he has had to endure since taking up his new appointment with West Bromwich Albion three months ago. There are too many budding Wimbledons for his liking in the second division but so far they do not seem to have caused Albion too much trouble. They tuned up nicely for the shelling they can expect to receive on Saturday with a 1-0 win last week against Plymouth Argyle, one of the devotees of the long-ball game.

"Plymouth put us under as much pressure as we've been placed all season but I know that Wimbledon are the best in the country at their sort of game. I've got a pretty good picture of what it will be like, so I've ordered the tin helmets and trench coats. It's a very difficult style to play against and very disruptive for teams playing what I call pattern football. It's also a bit daunting for clubs who usually play in palatial stadiums. My lot should be all right. They think our training ground is Wembley Stadium."

Atkinson takes heart from the number of victories scored by second division clubs against first division ones in Littlewoods Cup ties this season and from the knowledge that, in the words of one of his fellow television pundits, football, particularly cup football, can be a "funny old game", often literally.

Laughter during tense moment

Atkinson remembers a tie three seasons ago when United, as Cup holders, lost at Bournemouth with two goals in a minute, seconds after Jimmy Macgregor, his physiotherapist, lamented the fact that they could do without a replay the following week.

If he reluctantly appreciated the irony of that remark he could not stop himself from laughing at a tense moment in a sixth-round tie against Nottingham Forest in happier days at the Hawthorns. "We were leading Forest with five minutes to go when someone played a crossfield pass and Willie Johnston, right in front of the dugouts and a crowd of 40,000 people, trapped the ball with his backside. The tension was such that I leapt off the bench to give him a volley for being so casual. But before I had a chance Cloughie had already gone to the touchline and given my own player a blast."

Atkinson has needed to retain his sense of humour. When he rejoined Albion, whom he forsook seven years ago for the ultimate job in British football at Old Trafford, they were bottom of the table. He told Sid Lucas, the chairman, that after all the managers they had had in the intervening years he had not come back to drain the club still further of its finances.

"I told them we'd see how it goes and if it didn't work out I'd leave," he said. After a short revival they have slumped again but last week, after Albion's fourth consecutive defeat, Lucas offered Atkinson a new two-year contract which he has accepted. "Talk about votes of confidence," Atkinson said.

The team's progress of late has been restricted by injuries, most damagingly to both his centre backs, Bennett (whom he knew as an apprentice) and Dyson. It has forced Atkinson into the transfer market, where last week he bought Stacey North from Luton Town for £100,000. "It's rather more than I wanted to spend but that's what you have to pay these days," he said. It all sounds uncommonly thrifty for a man who earned an entirely different reputation at Old Trafford when he coolly forked out £2 million to spirit away Bryan Robson and Remi Moses from the Hawthorns seven years ago.

Bank manager more than tailor

Yet however sensibly he cuts his cloth, Atkinson will always be more of a bank manager than a tailor. It must have been hard for him to settle for the bottom of the second division after six rewarding years with Manchester United. Only last summer another leading club slipped through his fingers when, after signing a two-year contract worth £150,000 a year with Athletico Madrid, the president died before the deal could be approved.

"Albion is one of the few clubs in this country that I would want to manage," he said. "It still has the feel of a big club and everyone here, including Colin Addison, Stuart Pearson and Nobby Stiles, my coaches, is geared to lifting it back to the top flight. I think the supporters have appreciated what they once had and there is now a feeling of enormous goodwill again towards the club. If, when I go, I can leave it in the same healthy state in which I left it last time, then I'll be satisfied."

In one way Atkinson and Albion are well matched. Atkinson is one of the FA Cup's most successful post-war managers with a record of two victorious finals, against Brighton and Everton, and a semi-final defeat while with Albion against Ipswich Town. Albion, for their part, are one of the FA Cup's most successful teams, having appeared in 19 semi-finals, second only to Everton, whom they have surpassed with five victories in Wembley finals.

That trend, as far as Albion are concerned, has been reversed in recent years when they have made a habit of leaving at the first exit in both FA Cup and League Cup competitions. Atkinson probably never thought he would say it about a competition he regards as the most exciting in the world but he would happily suffer defeat in the anonymous surroundings of Plough Lane in exchange for just six more League points.

Clive White

Town rebuilding from the rubble

The spectre of the club's biggest defeat in its 80-year history will haunt Huddersfield Town when they take on Manchester City at Leeds Road in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday but Malcolm Macdonald, the manager of the side at the bottom of the second division, sees the game as an opportunity for his team to put their problems behind them.

After the 10-1 drubbing at Maine Road almost two months ago, Huddersfield showed signs of pulling away from the lower reaches, only to sink again with one point from their holiday programme.

Macdonald, appointed 12 weeks ago after two years out of the game, is only too aware of the long-term problems facing the club but views the match optimistically. "I don't think that League form will have any relevance. The players will remember what happened at their place only too vividly and that should act as a spur, but both sides play football and it should be one hell of a game. Although we have had a bad run, so have City, and this is a good opportunity for us to wipe the slate clean and build some confidence from a decent showing in the Cup.

"There is a lot of good in our game but when we make mistakes they are horrendous and we get punished for them. Even at Maine Road we had two or three chances to score before their first one went in and after that it was all one way. We are not going to cure our ills overnight, it will take some time to sort them out. What we need is consistency and a belief in ourselves and a good result against Manchester could go a long way towards providing it."

Macdonald's problems have been compounded by a transfer request from Andy May, the midfield player bought from Manchester City for £36,000 during the summer, and the imminent suspension of Ian Banks, the captain, and Peter Ward — although all three will be available for the Cup tie.

Of the team's League form, he said: "We seem to have gone back to what it was like when I came here in October. They know I am looking for men who will hold up their hands and say 'I'm here to give 90 minutes' and if they don't I shall have to look elsewhere. We have no time to mess about."

He is trying to buy players to strengthen the squad but, as he says, "nobody's very keen to come to a club at the bottom of the table" and Steve Walford, who was with them on loan, refused the opportunity to make the move permanent. But the former Newcastle, Arsenal and Fulham goalscorer is committed to the Huddersfield cause and has moved into a house on the edge of the Pennines.

A big problem the club have had to overcome has been their failure to live alongside their near neighbours, Leeds United, who have commanded most of the attention in the last 20 years. Most of the Huddersfield supporters cast their minds back to the great



Town planner Macdonald

side of the 1920s and 1930s, when they won the first division title three times and the Cup in 1922 and were finalists on three other ocassions.

Mel Machin, the City manager, believes that the earlier result could work against his team. "They are the most difficult side we could play because of what happened here," he says. "They could have scored first and this is a one-off situation. You can't guarantee anything and they have showed they can play with some good results after we beat them."

City will be without Paul Stewart, one of the three players who scored a treble in the earlier game, because of suspension and are equally anxious to expunge the memory of poor form which has seen them slip to tenth in the table.

Martin Searby

Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Lawyers association guilty of breach in procedure for restoration to roll

H v Belgium
(Case No 1/1986/99/147)
Before Judge R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro farinha, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, R. Macdonald, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, J. Gersing, A. Spielmann, J. de Meyer, J.A. Carrillo Salcedo and N. Valticos
Registrar M. A. Eissen
(Judgment November 30)

The European Court of Human Rights held, by 12 votes to 6, that there had been a breach of article 6(1) of the European Convention on Human Rights by Belgium in that procedure for restoration to the Bar roll of an *avocat* who had been struck off did not comply with the guarantees provided in article 6(1).

Article 6(1) of the Convention stipulates that "in the determination of his civil rights and obligations . . . everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law.

"Judgment shall be pronounced publicly but the press and public may be excluded from all or part of the trial in the interests of morals, public order or national security in a democratic society, where the interests of juveniles or the protection of the private life of the parties so require, or to the extent strictly necessary in the opinion of the court in special circumstances where publicity would prejudice the interests of justice."

In 1957, at the end of his pupillage, H was entered on the Antwerp Bar roll and took chambers.

Six years later, the Bar Council (Conseil de l'Ordre des Avocats) struck him off the roll, having satisfied itself that he had wrongly persuaded a client that the client risked arrest if he did not immediately pay him a specified sum. The Brussels Court of Appeal affirmed the decision to strike him off and the Court of Cassation dismissed H's appeal on points of law.

Criminal proceedings against H in 1964 (for fraud and unlawfully holding himself out as an *avocat*) and 1977 (for forgery and fraudulent conversion) ended in acquittals in 1968 and 1979 respectively.

In 1970, H set up as a legal and tax adviser. His first two applications for restoration to the roll — the first in 1980, the second in 1981 — were unsuccessful, on each occasion the Bar Council, against whose decision no appeal lay, held that although more than ten years had elapsed since the disbarment, there was no exceptional circumstance such as would justify cancelling the sanction (article 471 of the Judicial Code).

Having attempted unsuccessfully to achieve a friendly settlement, the European Commission of Human Rights drew up a report on October 8, 1985 establishing the facts and in which it expressed the opinion by ten votes to two that there had been a breach of article 6(1) of the Convention in that the applicant had not been able to have his case heard by a tribunal within the meaning of that provision.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Alleged violation of article 6(1)

A Existence of a dispute over a right

The Court referred to the principles adopted in its case-law and ascertained whether the right claimed by the applicant existed in Belgium. To that end, it considered the nature of disbarment and of the reasons justifying subsequent readmission.

It noted that article 471 of the Judicial Code permitted an *avocat* who had been struck off to seek readmission after "ten years have elapsed from the date on which the decision to strike off became final and (if) exceptional circumstances warrant it".

The second of those conditions, unlike the first one, was capable of being interpreted and applied in a wide variety of ways, and previous Bar Council decisions did not clarify the issue, as they were few in number, inaccessible to the public and the reasoning given in them was inexplicit.

The applicant could arguably maintain that in Belgian law he had the right to practise the profession of *avocat* again, since he had satisfied the conditions prescribed in article 471. Although the Bar Council had some discretion, it therefore had to determine a *contestation* (dispute) concerning a right asserted by H.

B Whether the dispute was civil

The Court did not consider that it had to give an abstract definition of the concept of "civil rights and obligations". It analysed the special characteristics of the profession of *avocat* in Belgium, since the disputed right was indissolubly bound up with that profession. This analysis disclosed features of public law.

The Belgian State itself had laid down the way in which the Bars should be organized and the conditions attaching to the practice of the profession of *avocat* (access, rights, duties and so on). That intervention by the State by means of statute or delegated legislation could not, however, suffice to establish that the right in issue did not have a civil character.

The contribution of *avocats* to the administration of justice involved them in the operation of a public service. As regards some of its functions, the Bar was in a sense part of the judicial system.

However, there was no concomitant joint or individual subordination to the country's courts, and the Bar had complete responsibility for its roll and for discipline. Under the Judicial Code, which enshrined the Court of Cassation's case-law on the subject, the Bar Council drew up the roll, and no appeal lay from its decisions in that matter.

While the foregoing two factors did not, therefore, suffice to establish that article 6 was inapplicable, several considerations weighed in favour of the opposite conclusion.

The profession of *avocat* had traditionally been treated as one of the independent professions. An *avocat* was free to practise or not. Unless officially assigned to a case by the court, he had clients who chose him voluntarily and directly. He fixed his fees himself. The instructions to act which bound him to his client constituted a private-law relationship.

The chambers and clientele of an *avocat* constituted property interests and as such came within the ambit of the right of property.

Avocats performed numerous important duties out of court (acting as advisers, conciliators and even arbitrators) which often had no connection with judicial proceedings.

The Court concluded that the various aspects of the profession of *avocat* in Belgium conferred on the asserted right the character of a civil right within the meaning of article 6(1), which was thus applicable.

C Compliance with article 6(1)

As no appeal lay against the decisions of the Bar Council, the Court ascertained whether H had enjoyed the right to a fair hearing before the Council. It was not disputed in the instant case that the Council was an institution "established by law" and that it heard the case "within a reasonable time".

The Bar Council performed many functions — administrative, regulatory, adjudicative, advisory and disciplinary. In the Court's view, that kind of plurality of powers could not in itself preclude an institution from being a "tribunal" in respect of some of them.

Moreover, the Bar Council, when taking its decision on the application for readmission made by the applicant, was performing a judicial function further to its disciplinary responsibilities. It took action in the case on occasions that were separated by a considerable lapse of time (in 1963 and then in 1979-81) and in different contexts (disbarment and application for readmission).

There could be no question about the independence of the members of the Bar Council: they were elected by their peers and were answerable only to their own consciences.

Similarly, the Court saw nothing in the evidence before it to give it any reason to doubt their personal impartiality. It did not consider it necessary to express a view on the Council's structural impartiality.

As regards the fairness of the proceedings, H was able to have the assistance of a lawyer to represent him and was able to appear in person when his two applications for readmission were considered; he also filed pleadings in support of his second application.

Nonetheless, the relevant procedure of the Bar Council of Antwerp was open to criticism in two respects.

In the first place, it was very difficult for the applicant to adduce appropriate evidence of the "exceptional circumstances" which might, in law, have brought about his restoration to the roll and, more generally, to argue his case with the requisite effectiveness.

In particular, neither the applicable provisions nor the previous Bar Council decision gave any indication of what could amount to "exceptional circumstances".

At the same time, he had cause to fear that there was some risk of being dealth with arbitrarily, especially as there was no provision allowing him a right of challenge and as the Antwerp Bar did not have any internal rules of procedure.

The procedural safeguards thus appeared unduly limited. Their inadequacy was of especial importance in view of the seriousness of what was at stake when a disbarred *avocat* sought restoration to the roll and the imprecise nature of the statutory concept of "exceptional circumstances". Furthermore, that very lack of precision made it all the more necessary to give sufficient reasons for the two impugned decisions on the issue in question. Yet in the event the decisions merely noted that there were no such circumstances, without explaining why the circumstances relied on by the applicant were not to be regarded as exceptional.

As to whether the proceedings were public, the Judicial Code provided that in some circumstances decisions of the Bar Council in disciplinary matters might be given in public and that proceedings before disciplinary appeals boards might be held in public; but it was silent in respect of restoration to the roll. In the instant case, H's applications were not heard in public, nor were the decisions of the Bar Council "pronounced" in public.

Unless cured at a later stage of the procedure, such a defect could deprive the person concerned of one of the safeguards set forth in the first sentence of article 6 paragraph 1 of the Convention.

The grounds for H's applications related directly to the practice of the profession of *avocat*, which might conceivably raise questions coming within the exceptions allowed for in article 6(1). However, the material before the Court did not suffice to show that the circumstances were such as to warrant the hearings not being held in public.

The rule requiring a public hearing, as embodied in article 6(1) could also yield in certain circumstances to the will of the person concerned. Admittedly, the nature of some of the rights safeguarded by the Convention was such as to exclude a waiver of the entitlement to exercise them, but the same could not be said of certain other rights.

Thus neither the letter nor the spirit of article 6(1) prevented an *avocat* from waiving, of his own free will and in an unequivocal manner, the entitlement to have his case heard in public; conducting disciplinary proceedings of that kind in private did not contravene the convention.

The evidence adduced did not establish that H intended to waive his right to a public hearing. He could not be blamed for not having demanded to exercise a right which was not afforded him by the practice of the Belgian Bars and that he had little prospect of securing.

As to the fact that H wished to remain anonymous in the proceedings before the Convention institutions, it was not decisive in this context, as those proceedings were quite different both in their purpose and in their nature and scope.

In short, the Bar Council did not in the instant case satisfy the requirements of article 6(1), and there was therefore a breach of that provision.

II Application of article 50

The applicant claimed just satisfaction in respect of prejudice sustained and of costs and expenses.

A Prejudice

As regards pecuniary damage, the evidence did not establish a causal link between the breach of the Convention and any deterioration in H's financial position.

On the other hand, the applicant had suffered non-pecuniary damage, in respect of which the Court awarded him 250,000 Belgian francs on an equitable basis.

B Costs and expenses

In the instant case, only the costs and fees relating to the proceedings before the European Commission and the Court fell to be taken into account. The court assessed legal costs and travel and subsistence expenses at 100,000 Belgian francs.

For those reasons the court held

1 By twelve votes to six, Judges Golcuklu, Matscher, Sir Vincent Evans, Bernhardt, Gersing and Pinheiro Farinha dissenting, that article 6(1) applied in this case and that this article had been violated

2 By sixteen votes to two, Judges Pinheiro Farinha and de Meyer dissenting, that Belgium pay H the sum of 250,000 Belgian francs in respect of non-pecuniary damages

3 Unanimously, that Belgium reimburse H 100,000 Belgian francs in respect of costs and expenses.

Law Report January 6 1988

Repainting exterior of listed building capable of being an alteration

Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others
Before Mr Justice Mann
[Judgment December 21]

Painting the exterior of a listed building in such a manner that its character as a building of special architectural and historic interest was affected was capable of requiring listed building consent since repainting was capable of being an alteration.

Mr Justice Mann so held in the Queen's Bench Division in remitting the appeal under section 246(1) of the Town and Country Act 1971 to the Secretary of State for the Environment, the first respondent, with a direction that the secretary of state's decision of February 15, 1987 whereby he determined that a listed building enforcement notice issued by the Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council, the appellant, on November 20, 1984, and served on Dr and Mrs Clive Butcher and Mrs Grace Butcher, the second, third and fourth respondents and owners 2 and 2A Clarence Crescent, Windsor, was null and void.

Section 55 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 provides: "(1) . . . if a person executes or causes to be executed any works for the demolition of a listed building or for its alteration or extension in any manner which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest, and the works are not authorized . . . he shall be guilty of an offence."

Mr John Howell for the council; Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the listed building enforcement notice was served in the exercise of powers conferred by section 96(1) of the 1971 Act. It asserted that there had been a contravention of section 55(1) of the Act specified as:

"Painting the exterior of the building in colours of deep pink with black detailing on. *Inter alia*, pilasters, string course, window sills, window frames, the base area of the main wall on the front elevation and the front porch."

Upon appeal under section 97(1) of the 1971 Act by the second, third and fourth respondents the secretary of state decided, forming a different view from that of his inspector:

"A decision in this case turns on whether works have been carried out which constitute an alteration to a listed building in a way which affects its character. There are occasions when the painting of the facade of a listed building is undoubtedly an alteration which affects its character because it obliterates features of interest, eg brickwork, timbering or lettering or other details which are architecturally or historically important.

"In such cases, consent is, in the opinion of the secretary of state, needed. In the present case . . . the facade of the building was already painted and the action of repainting cannot therefore be said to have constituted works of alteration."

For that reason the enforcement notice was null and void.

His Lordship said that the critical provision was section 55(1) of the 1971 Act. It was within a fasciculus of sections headed "Additional control in special cases". Control in ordinary cases was dealt with in earlier sections and rested upon the requirement to obtain planning permission for development (section 23(1)).

"Development" was defined in wide terms and included "building . . . operations". That phrase included "operations normally undertaken by a person carrying on business as a builder" (section 290(1)).

His Lordship said that he would regard the painting or the repainting of a building as being an operation normally undertaken by a person carrying on business as a builder. Accordingly it would constitute "development".

It was clear that "painting" and "repainting" were if, they effected the external appearance of a building, within the ambit of ordinary planning control.

His Lordship turned to section 55(1) and said that the debate was whether the repainting fell within its provisions. The council submitted that it did and that the purpose of the subsection was the protection of the heritage afforded by the built environment and that the purpose would be promoted by a wide construction of the provisions. It would be absurd if painting was subject to control but repainting was not.

The secretary of state argued that construing section 55(1) involved two considerations: first, the right of the built-up environment and second, the right of an owner to deal with his property.

As the court was dealing with the creation of a criminal offence section 55(1) should be strictly construed. Painting could be regarded as an alteration in that it involved a change to the physical fabric of the building whereas the department's view was that repainting did not.

His Lordship said that having regard to the possible meaning in ordinary language of the word "alteration" and having regard to the purpose of the critical subsection, he was justified in concluding that repainting was capable of being an alteration.

In any case the critical question would be whether the repainting affected the character of the building as a building of special architectural or historic interest as here it did.

Little imagination was required to identify cases where repainting in unsuitable colours of, for example, Georgian stucco would produce a most unfortunate aesthetic result. Parliament could not have intended such activities to be immune from listed building enforcement control.

There was no sensible distinction to be drawn between painting and repainting.

The matter was remitted to the secretary of state with a direction to dismiss the appeal.

Solicitors: Mr David Lunn, Maidenhead; Treasury Solicitor.

RACING: MARY REVELEY POISED TO CAPTURE LOUTH HANDICAP CHASE AT MARKET RASEN FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Testing conditions to bring out the best in tough Burnditch Boy

By Mandarin

Burnditch Boy, an out-and-out stayer, should be ideally suited by the testing conditions in the Louth Handicap Chase at Market Rasen this afternoon. He is my nap.

Abundant stamina is written all over his racing record and with only 10 stone to carry he can capitalize on it in the best possible way and give his trainer Mary Reveley her second consecutive win in the race. She won a year ago with The Builder.

Burnditch Boy has been commendably consistent this term, apart from a lapse on his latest start, and even then he looked likely to be concerned in the finish when coming down at the last in the Sedgefield race won by Prince Metternich on Boxing Day.

He had not been out of the first two in his previous three starts.

He began the season with a second to Deep South at Uttoxeter in November, form which has been made to look considerably better by the four-win sequence by Deep South which that victory initiated.

That run was followed by a win over hurdles in a 3½-mile handicap at Nottingham on soft ground, and then a three-length second to Deep And Even, also at Nottingham.

Deep And Even has since finished a close third to Sun Rising and Charter Party at Kempton Park, so that appears equally solid.

Comeragh King has a touch of class but this is a severe test of stamina for a horse who may be more effective at shorter trips. I feel a greater danger may be Grinders despite his monumental top weight.

Although still prone to the odd jumping error, he fenced well enough when successful over 3¼ miles here in November.

He is a proven stayer and will not be troubled by the ground, but the concession of 30lb to Burnditch Boy may be the decisive factor.

Danish Flight, trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, came good here on Boxing Day to beat subsequent winner Indian by eight lengths and can continue to progress by winning the Horncastle Novices' Chase.

Atkinsons won a poor race at Ayr last Saturday but he is at his best on very soft ground over two miles and will certainly be no pushover.

Fitzgerald should also have the answer to the second division of the Sleaford Novices' Hurdle with **Boutzdaroff**.

He was an encouraging second to Stegsman over course and distance on Boxing Day and may be too strong for Gulf Of Gold, who jumped disappointingly when favourite for a competitive hurdle at Doncaster last time.

The first division could go to **Highfrith**, whose second to Forever Blue at Newcastle suggested a race such as this would come his way before too long.

Stegsman himself turns out for the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier and while he cannot be ruled out he may find the 10lb he must concede to the promising Nottingham third **Buckby Folly** beyond him.

Kamir, unbeaten in his two starts this season, is difficult to oppose despite a hefty top weight in the Lincoln Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase, while recent Catterick winner **Nipper Smith** may have the edge over Philly Athletic in the January Selling Handicap Hurdle.

At Sedgefield, **Comedy Fair** can gain due reward for his consistency in the Hamsterley Novices' Chase.

Although his jumping still needs some work if he is to reach the top, he should have enough in hand to beat the two previous winners, Beau Derek and Hatsu-Girie, from whom he receives weight.

Another model of consistency, the hard-working **Prince Metternich**, can improve his record by registering his fifth success of the season in the Spennymoor Handicap Chase.

He scored over the course and distance on Boxing Day and with conditions in his favour is taken to defy top weight at the main expense of The Wilk.

Rustic Track, who has run two creditable races in handicaps, looks to have an easier task in the second division of the Haswell Novices' Hurdle. **Megan's Move** can land the first division.



The John Jenkins-trained Champion Hurdle hope Away We Go, seen here leading Lemhill on his way to a promising victory at Ascot in November, has his next outing in the Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on Saturday

MARKET RASEN

Selections
By Mandarin

12.15 Highfrith.
12.45 Nipper Smith.
1.15 Danish Flight.

1.45 BURNDITCH BOY (nap).
2.15 Buckby Folly.
2.45 Kamir.
3.15 Boutzdaroff.

By Michael Seely
1.15 DANISH FLIGHT (nap). 2.15 Stegsman. 3.15 Boutzdaroff.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 BUCKBY FOLLY.

Going: heavy

12.15 SLEAFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,214: 2m) (12 runners)

2	P/0P2-00	DUELLING 22 (V) (C Holmes) C Holmes 7-11-12	C Mann	85
6	0-030P3	NO CREDIBILITY 11 (M Stewart) B Richmond 6-11-12	P Corrigan	91
29		VIKING LORD (D Chatterton) Ron Thompson 5-11-12	R Barlow	—
11	23-2	HIGHFRITH 8 (H Cavendish) G W Richards 5-11-7	P Tuck	92
12	3-	PUNCLE CREAK 484 (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 5-11-7	—	78
13		REBECCA'S PET (R Cwandale) G Kelly 5-11-7	Gee Armytage	—
14	004B4-0	TUNKIN 11 (F) (S Bird) J Scallan 5-11-7	Miss J Hodge	89
15	032	ANTINOUS 9 (BF) (Lt Col R Warden) M H Easterby 4-11-0	D Dutton	● 96
16	0U0	COLD LASER 69 (J Nicholson) J Harris 4-11-0	J A Harris	—
17	6	JACOBEAN CRACK 11 (K Fear) Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-11-0	M Dwyer	—
18		PERSIAN SPLENDOUR (P Bullen-Smith) J Blundell 4-11-0	M Brennan	—
20		LAVANDOU LEGEND (H Simmonds) C Holmes 4-10-8	J Tuite (7)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Antinous, 2-1 Highfrith, 6-1 No Credibility, 7-1 Jacobean Crack, 10-1 Puncle Creak, 12-1 Duelling, Tunkin, 14-1 Viking Lord, 16-1 others.
1987: PAST GLORIES 4-10-0 P A Farrell (6-4) W Elsey 17 ran

FORM NO CREDIBILITY (10-10) stayed on over course and distance (£1085, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran) when 8¾l 3rd to Stegsman (10-10).
HIGHFRITH (10-9) 1½l 2nd to Forever Blue (11-0) at Newcastle (2m 60yd, £1330, good to soft, Dec 29, 20 ran).
PUNCLE CREAK (10-9) 4½l 3rd to Paula Secret (10-7) in Sedgefield firm ground juvenile event last season (2m, £574, Sep 9, 8 ran).
TUNKIN finished last season with (11-3) 13l 4th to Privas Audition (11-6) in Fakenham amateurs' race (2m 80yd, £685, good to firm, May 25, 12 ran).
ANTINOUS (10-10) beaten a short head by Sawdust Jack (10-10) in Wetherby juvenile event (2m, £916, good to soft, Dec 28, 25 ran).
Selection: ANTINOUS

12.45 JANUARY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£720: 2m) (8 runners)

2	30013/	BARCHAN PRINCE 732 (S) (Mrs E Dawes) T Kersey 6-11-10	P Tuck	—
3	0300-22	PHILLY ATHLETIC 35 (C,S) (T Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 8-11-7	S Turner (7)	94
4	000321	NIPPER SMITH 6 (D,S) (W J Smith) W J Smith 5-11-6	P Haris (7)	● 92
5	0-300	GREENHILL'S GIRL 8 (I ives) D Moffatt 5-11-5	K Taylan	82
6	642-0P0	FRIENDLY BEE 8 (B,D,S) (C Hague) B Richmond 6-11-3	G McCourt	91
7	80U-600	THE FINK SISTERS 5 (T Cunningham) T Cunningham 5-11-1	Mr S Cunningham (7)	—
8	6000F-0	JUBILEE JAMBOREE 72 (R Stoward) J Scallan 5-10-13	M Perlong	—
9	FF-000	SPRING WIGEON 5 (B) (K Bell) D White 5-10-13	S Keightley	97

BETTING: 6-4 Nipper Smith, 5-2 Philly Athletic, 7-2 Spring Wigeon, 6-1 Greenhill's Girl, 10-1 The Fink Sisters, 12-1 Barcham Prince, 14-1 16-1 others.
1987: WHAT A POPS! 6-11-4 C Grant (7-2) R Carter 9 ran

FORM PHILLY ATHLETIC, over 2m on penultimate start, (10-13) 10l 2nd to Half Shaft (11-10) at Perth (£708, good to soft, Aug 21, 10 ran).
NIPPER SMITH (11-0) 8l winner from Kirsty's Boy (11-0) at Catterick (2m, £516, good to soft, Dec 31, 13 ran).
GREENHILL'S GIRL (10-9) 21¾l 6th to Foot Patrol (11-7) at Newcastle (2m 60yd, £945, good to soft, 29 Dec, 15 ran).
FRIENDLY BEE (10-9) running-on 7l 2nd to My Myra (11-3) on final start at Southwell last season (2m, £758, good, May 23, 9 ran).
SPRING WIGEON late progress when (10-12) 15¾l 6th to Solvent (10-12) at Towcester (2m, £1078, soft, Dec 21, 14 ran).
Selection: SPRING WIGEON

1.15 HORNCASTLE NOVICES CHASE (£1,700: 2m) (7 runners)

1	0023/F1	DANISH FLIGHT 11 (CD,F,G,S) (A F Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-3	M Dwyer	98
2	14/04-U0	ASCENMOOR 5 (F,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 9-11-10	D Shaw	—
3	04-F0P1	ATKINSONS 4 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Metcalfe) G W Richards 7-12-3	P Tuck	● 99
6	F0430-U	RODNEY BAY 11 (R Scott) J Blundell 5-11-10	M Brennan	—
8	00/400	SILVER LEO 5 (G) (S Wade) J Harris 10-11-10	J A Harris	—
9	UP02-P0	SUDBROOKE PARK 11 (S) (C Hague) J Leigh 10-11-10	G McCourt	92
11	00600-0	REMAINDER WYN 11 (S) (H Blenkhorn) K Morgan 7-11-5	J Osborne (4)	75

BETTING: 5-4 Danish Flight, 5-4 Atkinsons, 7-1 Sudbrooke Park, 10-1 Ascenmoor, 12-1 Rodney Bay, 14-1 Silver Leo, 16-1 Remainder Wyn.
1987: RHOECUS 8-11-10 G Bradley (4-6 fav) Mrs M Dickinson 9 ran

FORM DANISH FLIGHT (11-4) easy 8l winner from Indian (11-4) here last time (2m, £1589, soft, Dec 26, 12 ran) with REMAINDER WYN (10-13) 60l 6th. SILVER LEO (11-4) tailed off 7th, and ATKINSONS (11-4) and RODNEY BAY (11-4) unseated.
ATKINSONS (12-2) ½l Ayr winner from Warwick Suite (10-10) last time (2m, £1585, heavy, Jan 2, 5 ran).
SILVER LEO (10-0) beaten a distance behind Dancing Admiral (10-4) with ASCENMOOR (11-10) a length 6th at Leicester (2m, £1662, heavy, Jan 1, 8 ran).
SUDBROOKE PARK (10-5) 24l 5th to Kamir (10-13) in handicap company here (2m, £1835, soft, Dec 26, 8 ran).
Selection: DANISH FLIGHT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Cunningham	3	10	30.0
G Richards	13	44	29.5
M H Easterby	16	63	25.4
Jimmy Fitzgerald	21	117	17.9
J Blundell	13	88	14.8
J Leigh	9	75	12.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Bradley	11	28	39.3
M Pepper	11	63	17.5
S Woods	4	24	16.7
M Dwyer	11	63	16.2
D Dutton	16	106	15.1
S Johnson	14	106	13.2

SEDGEFIELD

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Megan's Move.
1.30 Prince Metternich.
2.00 Trailing Rose.

2.30 Comedy Fair.
3.00 Rustic Track.
3.30 Standon Mill.

Going: heavy (7.30am inspection)

1.0 HASWELL NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1	0-PP000	ALLMIN 9 (Mrs Ann Lax) J Wainwright 5-11-9	L Wyer	—
2	000	COPELAND LAD 8 (P Seagrave) J Johnson 6-11-9	Mr S Swiers (7)	98
3	020000	DALTON DANDY 8 (V Hall) V Hall 5-11-9	C Grant	—
4	10	DUTCHELM 25 (S) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-8	T Reed	98
5	00-0000	RUBBARDS LODGE 35 (R Reed) W Reed 5-11-9	B Storey	94
6	000-400	INTO THE MYSTIC 16 (Mrs D McLean) B McLean 6-11-9	Mr T Jeffrey (7)	—
7	00U0P0	MONTAZ DANCER 5 (T Jeffrey) T Jeffrey 5-11-9	D Murphy	97
8	00	MURPHY'S CHOICE 51 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 5-11-9	G Harker	—
9	0	NORTH STAR SAM 30 (Mrs S Ward) Mrs S Ward 7-11-9	J Hanson	—
10	0	PURA MONEY 31 (J Hamilton) G W Richards 5-11-8	Mr D Franks	95
13	00/0	VINTAGE TOLL 50 (Miss B Baker) A Le Blond 8-11-9	D Condell	—
15	0	LADY LODGE 51 (R Robinson) R Robinson 5-11-4	G Lyons (7)	87
16	00F-604	LADY MANELLO 37 (Mrs A Hamilton) Mrs A Hamilton 5-11-4	Miss D Slack (7)	● 98
18	600-630	MEGAN'S MOVE 11 (Miss D Slack) Mrs E Slack 5-11-4	M Hammond	—
21	00	HUNTER'S LEAP 41 (J Lishman) G M Moore 4-10-10	M Perlong	—

BETTING: 2-1 Murphy's Choice, 5-2 Megan's Move, 3-1 Dutchelm, 6-1 Pura Money, 8-1 Lady Manello, 10-1 Hunter's Leap, 12-1 Into The Mystic, 14-1 Vintage Toll, 20-1 others.
1987: MEETING ABANDONED — FROST

1.30 SPENNYMOOR HANDICAP CHASE (£1,548: 3m 600yd) (5 runners)

2	143121	PRINCE METTERNICH 11 (CD,S) (R England) C J Ball 7-11-13	C Dennis (7)	92
3	411033	THE WILK 11 (F,G) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 9-11-10	A Merrigan (4)	● 99
4	330/606-	BUSH GUIDE 295 (C,F,S) (Mrs V Jackson) Mrs V Jackson 12-11-3	—	94
6	206P-U2	GALA PRINCE 5 (G) (Mrs M Aston) T Barron 11-10-13	G Harker	85
8	12-31F3	TELEGRAPH BUSH 16 (CD,F,S) (G Renilson) G Renilson 11-10-0	—	94

BETTING: 11-8 Prince Metternich, 3-1 Gala Prince, 9-2 The Wilk, 6-1 Telegraph Bush, 10-1 Bush Guide.

2.0 BORDER KNIGHT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,517: 2m) (3 runners)

3	P040U4	KERSIL 11 (S,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 11-11-10	Mr S Swiers (7)	● 98
4	3F1403	WELSH SPIRIT 5 (CD,G,S) (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 9-11-9	C Grant	97
6	P01002	TRAILING ROSE 16 (C,S) (B Burridge) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-12	P Niven	98

BETTING: 4-5 Trailing Rose, 7-4 Welsh Spirit, 6-1 Kersil.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

1.45 LOUTH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,041: 3m) (6 runners)

2	F32-210	GRINDERS 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Needhams Butchers) E Carter 10-12-2	M Pepper	97
3	1F2-2U3	COMERAGH KING 12 (C,G,S) (A F Budge Equine Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-1	M Dwyer	97
6	2P-U01P	TULLAMARINE 11 (S) (W Stevenson-Taylor) G W Richards 11-10-11	P Tuck	98
7	34493-0	SKEGBY 25 (B,CD,F,G,S) (C Brennan) C Brennan 14-10-2	M Brennan	96
8	2P-212F	BURNDITCH BOY 11 (S) (R Hughes) Mrs G Reveley 9-10-0	Jessica Charles-Jones (7)	● 99
9	FFP-000	OATLANDS LAD 60 (F,G,S) (R Scott) J Blundell 8-10-0	—	—

BETTING: 2-1 Burnditch Boy, 3-1 Comeragh King, 7-2 Grinders, 9-2 Tullamarine, 10-1 Skegby, 20-1 Oatlands Lad.
1987: THE BUILDER 8-11-2 C Grant (5-1) Mrs G Reveley 8 ran

FORM GRINDERS jumped badly last time and is better judged on (11-10) 20l win here (3m 2f, £2966, soft, Nov 28, 5 ran) from Shepherds Hymn (11-10).
COMERAGH KING (11-11) beaten 13½l into 3rd by Numerate (10-13) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2170, good to soft, Dec 19, 9 ran).
TULLAMARINE pulled up last time; previously (11-10) 15l winner from Clonroche Gazette (11-7) at Carlisle (3m 2f, £2377, heavy, Nov 16, 7 ran).
SKEGBY has won here 8 races here but the last was some five years ago; still retains some ability but tailed off behind Mr Frisk at Doncaster on seasonal debut.
BURNDITCH BOY fell at the last when 4th latest start; previously (10-9) 3l 2nd to Deep And Even (11-7) at Nottingham (3m, £1825, good to soft, Nov 30, 6 ran).
OATLANDS LAD well beaten in three runs over hurdles this season.
Selection: BURNDITCH BOY

2.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,215: 2m) (9 runners)

1	001	STEGSMAN 11 (CD,S) (Steadfast Scaffold H'Side Ltd) J Blundell 6-11-10	S Johnson	84
4	000/	CONEY BAY 606 (B Temple) B Temple 7-11-0	M Pepper	—
6	0-0F040	GEMTINO 19 (Miss J Wood) J Harris 5-11-0	J A Harris	80
8	0PP-04	SOME PANIC 15 (P Davis) P Davis 6-11-0	M Bowlby	—
10	00F	WHEATLEY LAD 8 (D Edmunds) S Bowring 5-11-0	D Shaw	—
11	31-0P	YOU TURN OKAY 7 (F) (J Canney) E Wheeler 7-11-0	G Landau	—
12	3	BUCKBY FOLLY 18 (Mrs E York) M Camacho 5-10-9	M Dwyer	● 99
17		LOVERS DUET (N Beasley) M Wilkinson 5-10-8	C Llewellyn (4)	—
18		SUVAMARVAL (Mrs B Blundell) J Blundell 5-10-8	M Brennan	—

BETTING: 11-10 Buckby Folly, 3-1 Stegsman, 6-1 Some Panic, 8-1 Gemtino, 10-1 You Turn Okay, 16-1 others.
1987: RAPIER THRUST 5-11-10 M Dwyer (4-11 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11 ran

FORM BUCKBY FOLLY (10-5) 15l 3rd to Baldale Star (10-10) on debut at Nottingham (2m, £938, soft, Dec 19, 20 ran) with STEGSMAN in rear.
STEGSMAN (10-10) ran on well over course and distance (£1085, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran) to beat Boutzdaroff (10-10) 8l.
GEMTINO (10-0) 12l 4th to Hope Diamond (10-10) at Leicester (2m, £819, heavy, Nov 23, 7 ran).
SOME PANIC (11-7) 23½l 4th to wide-margin winner Eastshaw (11-7) at Ludlow (2m, £1606, good, Dec 22, 15 ran).
YOU TURN OKAY (11-5) beat Double Calibre (11-0) 6l in Huntingdon NH Flat race last season (2m 100yd, £410, good to firm, May 25, 11 ran). Yet to show same ability over hurdles.
Selection: BUCKBY FOLLY

2.45 LINCOLN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,141: 2m 5f) (3 runners)

1	F403-11	KAMIR 11 (C,F,G,S) (F Brown) K Morgan 8-12-1	J Osborne	● 99
6	P43-2F4	KEYCORN 12 (D,S) (H Kay) J Blundell 8-10-6	R Morley	85
8	F-P3F33	SILKEN TURN 11 (S) (S Morton) P Charlton 8-10-1	K Cotter (3)	83

BETTING: 4-7 Kamir, 3-1 Keycorn, 4-1 Silken Turn.
1987: EAMONS OWEN 10-10-7 Jacqui Oliver (7-4 fav) Mrs S Oliver 7 ran

FORM KAMIR (10-13) comfortable 10l winner from Valentinos Joy (10-9) here over 2m last time (£1836, soft, Dec 26, 8 ran); previously (10-7) won conditional jockeys' event at Haydock (2m 4f, £2619, soft, Nov 28, 4 ran) by 3l from Travelowen (11-10).
KEYCORN (11-2) 18l 4th to Vaguely Artistic (10-1) at Fakenham (2m, £1576, soft, Dec 19, 7 ran); before that beaten when last-fence faller (10-10) in Wetherby race (2m 4f 100yd, £2595, good, Oct 14, 12 ran) won by Landing Board (12-0).
SILKEN TURN (11-2) one-paced 10l 3rd to Beau Derek (11-7) at Sedgefield latest (2m 4f, £927, good to soft, Dec 26, 10 ran); previously beaten favourite (10-13) in Hexham novices' chase (2m 4f, £1328, heavy, Dec 2, 14 ran) when 8½l 3rd to Mr Perfect (11-4).
Selection: KAMIR

3.15 SLEAFORD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,206: 2m) (11 runners)

2	F0	BAY BAZAAR 11 (D Kerr) J Parkes 6-11-12	—	—	—
3	4/0-2	BOUTZDAROFF 11 (M Wrigley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-12	M Dwyer	● 99
4		CAPTAIN JIM (Lord Matthaews) M Camacho 5-11-12	G Bradley	—
5		CIGAR (J Williams) M Chapman 5-11-12	S Mitchell (7)	—
8	01/0	SIR PERDO 25 (S) (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 7-11-12	Mr S Andrews	—
10	0-0	MRS PEOPLEATER 48 (D Windle) D Windle 5-11-7	B Wright	—
12	2	FIR TRADING 34 (M Cooper) Miss S Wilton 4-11-0	S Davies (7)	93
13	40	GULF OF GOLD 25 (BF) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 4-11-0	P Tuck	91
14		LAOCHAIL (A Guy) J Norton 4-11-0	S Woods (4)	—
17	00	THE PATRICK FOX 6 (V) (G Seager) J Scallan 4-11-0	M Perlong	—
18		COLDWATER CANYON (H Simmonds) C Holmes 4-10-9	C Mann	—

BETTING: 7-4 Boutzdaroff, 9-4 Gulf Of Gold, 9-2 Fir Trading, 8-1 Laochail, 10-1 Captain Jim, Cigar, 12-1 Coldwater Canyon 14-1 others.
1987: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM BOUTZDAROFF (10-10) 8l 2nd to Stegsman (10-10) on reappearance over course and distance (2m, £1085, soft, Dec 26, 13 ran) with BAY BAZAAR (10-10), never in contention, 8th.
SIR PERDO won NH Flat race at Worcester during 1985-86 season; seasonal debut (11-8) in another NH Flat race at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £844, good to firm, Dec 12, 16 ran) when about 10½l 6th to Solicitor's Choice (11-2).
MRS PEOPLEATER (10-9) tailed off over 2m 4f behind Cone Alone (11-0) at Worcester (£1188, soft, Nov 18, 23 ran).
FIR TRADING (10-7) one-paced 8l 2nd to Oriental Express (11-7) in Carlisle seller (2m 1f 110yd, £653, soft Dec 3, 8 ran).
GULF OF GOLD, best effort on debut, though in need of the race, (10-10) 25l 4th to Combined Exercise (10-10) at Leicester (2m, £898, heavy, Nov 27, 11 ran).
Selection: BOUTZDAROFF

2.30 HAMSTERLEY NOVICES CHASE (£1,258: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1	4U1	BEAU DEREK 11 (CD,S) (W Sphik) T Barron 8-11-11	G Hadar	86
2	30-P001	HATSU-GIRIE 11 (CD,S) (R Swiers) R Swiers 7-11-6	Mr S Swiers (7)	82
3	PP	BAY SYMPHONY 47 (R Seagrave) J Johnson 8-11-3	G Hanlin	—
5	80-3232	COMEDY FAIR 19 (G,S) (Mrs M Nowell) M H Easterby 5-11-3	L Wyer	● 98
6	0200-03	DIACONUS 9 (National Pig Dev Co Ltd) D Lee 7-11-3	C Grant	90
8	020/0-00	GILLANBONE 81 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 6-11-3	Mrs M Kendall	—
10	03	LORD PURNA 11 (A Johnson) R Robinson 6-11-3	T P White	—
11	4-33030	PEACE TERMS 11 (S) (J Ennis) G W Richards 6-11-3	J Hanson	—
12	0	RUNNING SHOT 51 (S Norman) E Alston 7-11-3	K Doolan	—
13	0P-00	SOVEREIGN STEPS 32 (J Jefferson) J Jefferson 6-11-3	N Doughty	—
14	143/P00-	THETCHU 256 (G) (Mrs G Reed) W Reed 10-11-3	T Reed	—
19	P	SAND KIT 25 (Miss F Geddes) Miss F Geddes 8-10-12	P Niven	—
20	00-009	SIBERIAN MOON 19 (M Fenwick) Mrs A Speke 8-10-12	A Crimey	—

BETTING: 11-10 Comedy Fair, 3-1 Peace Terms, 5-1 Beau Derek, 8-1 Diaconus, 10-1 Hatsu-Girie, 12-1 Lord Purna, Gillanbone. 16-1 others.

3.0 HASWELL NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1	0/P	CAYDALE 37 (D Cook) P Liddle 9-11-9	NON-RUNNER	—
2	20-F0FP	LEAMLARA LAD 33 (S) (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 8-11-9	M Bastard	—
3	0P0-	MERRY ROY 228 (J Twibell) J Twibell 5-11-9	R Guest	—
4	0-00	OUIDEST 41 (Mrs B McKinney) A Fowler 5-11-9	M Murphy	—
5	0/300-30	RUSTIC TRACK 25 (D Smith) Denys Smith 8-11-9	T P White (7)	89
7	0/0	STAINTON GYPSY 34 (J Haynes) J Haynes 8-11-9	G Lyons	—
8		SUPPOZE (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-9	A Merrigan (4)	—
9	13/000	TEWIT CASTLE 6 (S) (J Richardson) D Lee 5-11-9	Mr H Brown (7)	86
10		VERONA CHIEF (Mrs S Newbould) B Wilkinson 5-11-9	G Harker	—
11	0-	WYBROOK 334 (Miss M Sawyer) K Stone 8-11-9	J J Quinn	—
13	00-0000	CREEKY PIGEON 32 (I Thomson) R Barr 8-11-4	—	—
16	PPPFUU	WHIM KNOWE 715 (Miss C Bartholomew) J Haldane 9-11-4	B Storey	—
17		SIXTY MINUTES (M Pointon) Miss S Wilson 4-10-10	W Knox	—
18	0033	SKINNHILL 8 (S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 4-10-10	C Grant	● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Rustic Track, 2-1 Skinnhill, 4-1 Leamlara Lad, 6-1 Suppoze, 8-1 Wybrook, 10-1 Verona Chief, Sixty Minutes, 12-1 Ouidest, 20-1 others.

3.30 WITTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,276: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1	F22-U4U	WEARDALE 11 (C,BF,S) (W Robinson) Denys Smith 6-11-10	C Grant	92
3	42-2002	CHRISTMAS HOLLY 11 (S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-6	P Niven	97
5	320302	SUNBIA 11 (CD,G) (G Turner) D Lee 7-11-2	P Hegarty (7)	98
8	110404	STANDON MILL 19 (B,CD,S) (Mrs S Blane) G M Moore 5-10-10	M Hammond	97
12	00-04F	SUMMER MEADOWS 19 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-10-0	T P White (7)	—
13	00000-1	MR KIRBY 9 (D,G) (Mrs S Curley) B Curley 6-10-0 (Sex)	D Murphy	● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Mr Kirby, 3-1 Christmas Holly, 4-1 Sunbia, 6-1 Standon Mill, 8-1 Weardale, 12-1 Summer Meadows.

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Jefferson	5	15	33.3
T Barron	6	19	31.6
G Moore	10	37	27.0
K Stone	3	13	23.1
J Haldane	7	31	22.6
Denys Smith	26	147	17.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Merrigan	8	32	25.0
C Grant	35	176	19.9
G Harker	13	67	19.4
L Wyer	5	27	18.5
M Hammond	8	45	17.8
P Niven	13	82	15.9

Sherwood's injury sets Jenkins problem over rider for Away We Go

By Michael Seely

Simon Sherwood's accident at Newbury on Monday has virtually put paid to the former champion amateur's chance of making a fight of it with Peter Scudamore in the race for this year's jockey championship.

The 29-year-old rider broke his right ankle in a fall from Gurteen Boy and will be out of action for three to four weeks. A spokeswoman for Oliver Sherwood's stable said yesterday: "Although Simon's in plaster, he's keen to get on with things. Luckily, it's a clean break and healing looks straightforward."

With 37 winners to his credit, Sherwood is currently lying third in the table to Scudamore, who has had 69 successes.

Sherwood's accident means that John Jenkins is now seeking a replacement jockey for Away We Go, who was one of 14 acceptors at the four-day stage of declarations for the £10,500 Roux Restaurants Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on Saturday.

The form shown by the former Irish trained five-year-old when winning at Ascot and earlier, when beating the subsequent Kempton winner Biloxi Blues at Sunbury, makes Away We Go look the best young hurdler seen out to date.

"It wouldn't be fair to compare him with Wing And A Prayer and Beat The Retreat, as they were only three-year-olds," said the trainer yesterday. "But he's certainly the best of his age that I've ever had."

Stearsby, last year's winner, is the highest weight to accept for Saturday's feature, the £16,000 Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Trophy, at Esher.

Last time out, Jenny Pitman's eight-year-old was disappointing when finishing a remote third to Little Polveir at Nottingham, following a promising second to Hardy Lad at Haydock. "We're just going to forget that run," said David Stait, the assistant trainer. "Stearsby got too far behind and lost interest."

Rhyme 'N' Reason is sure to start favourite for the three mile five furlong test of stamina after his fine performance when beaten only a length by Playschool in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow, as David Elsworth seeks to continue his fine season.

Talking about the stable's other stars, his assistant, Chris Hill, said: "Desert Orchid will now be trained for the Gold Cup. The owners want him to run at Cheltenham and there would seem to be no point in taking Pearlyman on again in the Queen Mother Two Mile Champion Chase.

"We all thought that Cavvie's Clown put up a significant performance when winning by 20 lengths at Newbury on Saturday. He jumps magnificently and stays forever. He also loves the heavy ground. Of course, it's entirely up to the owner whether he runs in the Gold Cup."

The other five acceptors for the Sandown chase include Bolands Cross, By The Way and The Langholm Dyer.

Peter Scudamore, who wants to watch the film of Arbitrage's race at Newbury on Saturday with his solicitor Matthew McCloy before deciding whether to appeal against his £300 fine, is to partner Bolands Cross for Nick Gaselee.

As far as the Gold Cup is concerned, the most significant race on Saturday will probably be at Warwick where Ten Plus has only the novices, Motivator, Taberna Lord and Yeoman Broker to beat in the £6,000 Warwick Premier Chase over three miles.

"He'll run unless the ground is too heavy," said Cath Warwyn, the trainer's wife. "Fulke's settling down nicely. They're very pleased with him and he's much better again today."

The state of the ground is also going to decide who will partner Sprowston Boy in Ireland on Saturday when Paul Kelleway's five-year-old attempts to repeat Britain's 1987 victory with Barnbrook Again in the £50,000 Ladbroke at Leopardstown.

"Eamonn Murphy has agreed to stand by for the ride," said Anthony Kelleway, the trainer's son. "He's ridden the horse schooling and knows him well. But I'm still keeping my options open. If Sandown is abandoned Richard Rowe will fly over to take the mount."

Sprowston Boy, a model of consistency on the Flat again last season, turned in a magnificent performance at Sandown when runner-up to Celtic Shot in the Mecca Bookmakers Hurdle, attempting to concede 12lb to Fred Winter's five-year-old, who has been heavily backed for the Champion Hurdle following his impressive victory at Windsor on New Year's Day.

"He left Newmarket at 3 o'clock this afternoon en route to Hollyhead to catch the night ferry," Kelleway continued. "He's in tremendous shape and is sure to be the better for his last run. He loves the soft ground and the heavier it is the better."

● Ladbrokes, who make Sprowston Boy the 3-1 favourite for their handicap hurdle on Saturday, then bet: 5-1 Tonycharlie, Classical Charm, 7-1 Roark, 11-1 Lucky Baloo, 12

CRICKET

Richards's savagery speeds India to their third defeat

Rajkot (Agencies) – Viv Richards hit seven sixes, a record for a one-day international, in an unbeaten century as he led West Indies to victory over India here by six wickets. The touring side now have a 3-1 lead in the eight-match series.

Richards, at his most masterful, scored 110 from only 77 balls, as West Indies made 222 for four in 40.1 overs in reply to India's 221 for seven in 43 overs, after the start had been delayed by mist and heavy dew.

The match had looked evenly poised going into the last 10 overs with West Indies still needing 72. Then Richards tore into Shastri's left-arm spin, striking the Indian captain for three sixes in the 35th over, to the dismay of some 25,000 spectators. Shastri, who had given away 30 runs in his first eight overs, saw his first ball disappear out of the ground, as Richards signalled his intentions to brings affairs to a speedy conclusion.

He reached his century in 75 balls by hitting Raman for the seventh six of his innings, to beat the record previously shared by Kapil Dev (India), Javed Miandad (Pakistan) and Lance Cairns (New Zealand). Richards also hit seven fours.

Raman, aged 24, a left-arm spinner and batsman, who made 95 in only his second appearance for India, had lured Richards into a mishit at 35 but Sanjeev Sharma, at long on, dropped the catch.

In his own innings Raman was given three lives by sloppy fielding, with wicketkeeper Williams, in his first international, dropping the ball when the batsman spooned it up directly over the stumps.

Patterson finally ended a gallant effort in the last over of the innings when Raman, who faced 123 balls and hit six fours, was caught at mid-off.

Before his memorable display Richards, who was predictably man of the match, had taken three for 42 and held a smart return catch to dismiss Azharuddin, just as he was getting into his stride.

INDIA

K Srikkanth c Williams b Benjamin	32
Arun Lal c Greenidge b Patterson	10
W V Raman c Baptiste b Patterson	95
M Azharuddin c and b Richards	24
Kapil Dev c Logie b Richards	22
*R J Shastri c and b Hooper	7
†S Viswanath c Baptiste b Richards	1
S V Manjrekar not out	19
A Sharma not out	2
Extras (lb-8 nb-1)	9
Total (7 wkts, 43 overs)	221

A Ayub and S Sharma did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-69, 3-119, 4-151, 5-173, 6-176, 7-214.
BOWLING: Patterson 8-1-49-2; Walsh 8-0-39-0; Benjamin 9-0-35-1; Baptiste 9-1-40-0; Richards 8-0-42-3; Hooper 1-0-8-1.

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes b Raman	49
R B Richardson c Kapil Dev b S Sharma	27
A L Logie c Vishwanath b Ayub	12
*I V A Richards not out	110
C L Hooper c Manjrekar b Kapil Dev	8
E A E Baptiste not out	11
Extras (lb 7, w 1)	8
Total (4 wkts, 40.1 overs)	225

C G Greenidge, W K M Benjamin, C A Walsh, B P Patterson and †D Williams did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-77, 3-146, 4-191.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-1-22-1; S Sharma 6-0-31-1; A Sharma 3-0-12-0; Ayub 10-1-55-1; Shastri 9-1-50-0; Raman 4-0-44-1; Srikkanth 0.1-0-4-0.
Umpires: D N Dothwalla and S B Kulkarni.

RUGBY UNION: SKINNER PROVES A POPULAR CHOICE FOR ENGLAND



Opening an international book: Skinner looks forward to playing for England against France (Photograph: Paul Lovelace)

Recognition for man of loyalty

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

"It was difficult getting out of the door to go to work," Mick Skinner said yesterday. "The telephone kept ringing." Such attention, the consequence of his first selection for England, against France on Saturday week, has come late for Skinner at the age of 29, when many back-row forwards may justifiably think that international honours have passed them by.

For Skinner it has, perhaps, been the result of being somewhat unfashionable: not many rugby internationals, he believes, have come from Wallbottle Grammar (now High) School, just outside Newcastle. Nor has Blaydon produced too many caps and, when he moved south in 1979, he joined Blackheath which, for all its grand traditions, has not provided the backbone of England XVs recently.

But there is a strong strain of loyalty in Skinner's make-up which makes you believe he does not regret it. "In the junior/senior clubs in the north, like Blaydon, there's a great family atmosphere. I didn't leave them easily and every year I try and go back home at Christmas and either make myself available to play in the Boxing Day derby, or watch it with everyone else.

"When I left Blackheath to join Harlequins at the start of this season I really had to be torn away. I felt I was important to Blackheath, and how much they had helped me. It was only sitting down and talking to people who cared about my career that convinced me I should move and I spent a week writing a letter to Blackheath trying to express what I felt about the situation."

Skinner has been picked for one of the hotter positions in the team, that of blind-side flanker, where his opponent will almost certainly be the tempestuous Eric Champ. Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, admitted this week that they had thought about converting a No. 8 to play there – Andrew Macfarlane and David Egerton were possibles for that role – and the possibility remained of playing the same back row as in the World Cup, Winterbottom, Richards and Rees. But they opted for a regular No. 6, although Skinner's most favoured role is the open side.

"I was a centre at school, where my gym teacher was Colin White, the former England prop. But I didn't have enough speed to stay there and when I joined Blaydon colts I changed to open-side flanker. We had a guy there called Bobby Bartle who played scrum half, captained and coached Blaydon's first XV, and he gave me the sort of personal coaching I couldn't possibly have at the level I'm playing now.

"He made me stick to doing my own job rather than flashing round doing 101 things; he made me realize how important it was to put pressure on the fly half, let him know I was around."

Skinner played No. 8 and flanker for Northumberland colts but missed the opportunity of playing in the senior county side – with players such as White, his former teacher – because of his move south. Instead, he discovered Kent in the county championship and helped to take them to the final against Warwickshire two years ago.

He acknowledges the difficulties of playing blind-side: "You have to be a bit of a mute. It's as different from open side as chalk from cheese. It's such a hard job physically, it takes a lot out of your upper body. To play at five in the lineout is completely different from the tail gunner's role too. There is so much running and mauling. I think I'm a ball player and there's nothing worse than defending all day; that's why I enjoy playing sevens.

"Given half a chance we are all capable of running with the ball in Paris. I was glad to have the chance in the trial last Saturday of having the ball in my hands and I think that helped my cause."

Indeed, despite a jocular appearance off the field and an occasionally fiery reputation on it, Skinner is a calculating player as befits one who is a freelance computer consultant, working in Vauxhall for the Metropolitan Police.

There was no disguising the pleasure his selection brought him, nor does he disguise the difficulties that await, both in Paris and in retaining his place. But he has had to wait a long time for this chance and I doubt if he will let it pass by lightly.

HOCKEY

Britain hit low note as rhythm is lost

From Sydney Friskin
Barcelona

Great Britain	1
Argentina	2

Despite a great start with a goal in two minutes, Britain lost to Argentina in the four nations tournament here yesterday and will play for third place against Spain today. West Germany, who later defeated Spain 1-0 with a goal by Reck in the first half, will play Argentina in the final, which is also today.

After appearing to be in some disarray, Argentina began to destroy Britain's rhythm with their speed and fitness and clearly looked the better side, having all their regular players in action.

In the first flush of enthusiasm, Thompson, capitalizing on a slip in Argentina's defence, set up a chance for Morris, who took it well.

Then things began to go wrong for Britain. Bolland suffered an ankle injury and retired for repairs, eventually to give way at full back to Hazlitt. Argentina increased their workrate and Pappin made two saves at short corners, both well struck by Mascheroni.

Three minutes before half-time Garraffo slipped a short pass in front of goal to Doherty, who was on it in a flash to equalize.

Three minutes after the interval Garraffo put Argentina in the lead from a short corner and Britain's attempts to redress the balance were stubbornly resisted.

In a brief spell of ascendancy, Britain continued to look untidy at corner-taking and failed to convert two more of these awards.

GREAT BRITAIN: V Pappin; P Bolland (sub: S Hazlitt), J Duthie, J Rees (sub: M Sloan), J Potter (capt), J McKee, C Mayer (sub: M Burns), J Kirkwood, R Thompson, M Grenley, K Morris.

ARGENTINA: E Rogers; A Ayala, M Mascheroni, F Neccia (sub: A Sid), M Garraffo (capt), E Palica, C Gaseyro, M Sodelli, A Varga, A Doherty (sub: J Garcia), P Keenan (sub: G Miraldu).
Umpires: R Wolter (West Germany) and J-C Sala (Spain).
RESULTS: Four nations tournament: Great Britain 1, Argentina 2; Spain 0, West Germany 1. Club tournaments: Real Club de Polo 3, Oxford Hawks 0; Pedralbes 2, London University 0; Polo 1897 1, East Juniors 2; Club de Campo 6, London University 0; Junior HC 0, Oxford Hawks 2. Veterans: Teddington 5, Stade Français 1.

TENNIS

Hard work pays off for Durie

From Barry Wood
Sydney

The British players competing in the New South Wales Open here have been rewarded for their high workrate on the practice courts with a combination of encouraging results and good fortune.

Jo Durie reached the third round yesterday with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Marianne Werdel, of the United States, and Julie Salmon found herself in the second round as the replacement for the injured Australian, Wendy Turnbull.

Miss Werdel is unpredictable and plays in a manner which once prompted Pam Shriver to ponder whether she had a brain. She hits the ball hard and it either goes in or does not. Direction is an art which is still largely unknown to the American.

The best of Miss Durie, however, is usually in evidence against such a player. Her returns and groundstrokes worked away steadily at her opponent's confidence. Having controlled her excesses for most of the match, Miss Werdel failed to do so in the second set and her wild shots ensured a victory for Miss Durie.

Andrew Castle also won, 6-2, 7-6 against Roberto Saad of Argentina, but it is extraordinary how unpleasant he can be, even on the way to victory. He was never in danger of losing but still found it necessary to complain on several occasions to the woman umpire, call the match a comedy of errors and even shout in the face of a young ball-girl, yelling at her to wake up.

Janine Thompson, a vehicle of sunshine and goodwill, was struck down by injury last May and returned to competition only a week ago in Brisbane. Formerly one of Australia's most exciting prospects and a top doubles player, she endured operations to her elbow and knees and now treats every victory as a bonus. She showed much skill but suffered from lack of match toughness and stamina before conceding 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Catarina Lindqvist.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: P Doohan (Aus) bt G Pozzi (It), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; D Cahill (Aus) bt P Chamberlin (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; A Volkov (USSR) bt R Leach (US), 7-6, 7-5; C Pridham (Aus) bt A Mmoh (Nigeria), 7-6, 7-6; A Castle (GB) bt R Saad (Arg), 6-2, 7-6.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: H Wiwoet (Neth) bt S Walsh-Pete (US), 6-3, 6-1; P Fendick (US) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt J Richardson (NZ), 7-6, 6-4; B Nagelsen (US) bt L Field (Aus), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; J Durie (GB) bt M Werdel (US), 6-4, 6-1; B Cordwell (NZ) bt A De Vries (Bel), 6-2, 6-2; W Probst (WG) bt T Mochizuki (US), 1-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Jolissaint (Switz) bt H Ludloff (US), 7-6, 1-6, 6-2; A Minter (Aus) bt L O'Neill (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt J Thompson (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 7-5, 6-2; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-3, 6-2; A Henrickssen (US) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Bates through

Jeremy Bates, the British Davis Cup player, advanced to the second round of the Benson and Hedges grand prix tournament in Auckland yesterday, recording a 6-3, 6-3 win over Bill Scanlon, the former Wimbledon men's singles quarter-finalist from the United States. Scanlon was once ranked twelfth in the world.

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Gower to seek captaincy

By a Special Correspondent

David Gower, set to collect a record £200,000 from his benefit, wants to captain Leicestershire again this season. The former England captain was replaced as leader of his county at the start of his benefit year last season by Peter Willey. But Willey has resigned after a stormy season in charge and Gower wants the job back.

As Leicestershire's selection sub-committee met last night to discuss candidates for the captaincy, Gower said: "As far as I am concerned I feel I have a lot left to offer to the club – more than just being a player.

"I'd like to lead the side and try to make sure we get the success we are so close to achieving. The all-round strength is there to make us genuine contenders for the county championship title this season."

Gower, who also lost the England captaincy, has had a winter away from international cricket, declining to play in the World Cup or go on the tours to Pakistan and Australasia.

He hopes to win back his England place in the summer for the Test series against West Indies. He said: "I'd like to get back into the international arena but that remains to be seen. A lot will depend on form and on how the lads do in New Zealand."

Chatfield seizes a chance to shine

Sydney (Reuter) – Richard Hadlee was, for once, upstaged as New Zealand beat Sri Lanka by six wickets here yesterday to go to the top of the World Series Cup table.

Ewen Chatfield, whose steady seam bowling has gained little recognition during his long association with Hadlee, took four for 32 in 9.2 overs and was named man of the match. Hadlee failed to take a wicket, although his nine overs cost only 12 runs.

Sri Lanka's total of 174 in 48.2 overs on a blameless pitch was never likely to be enough and New Zealand cruised past their target in 48.4 overs to record their second win in the competition.

The opening pair, Wright and Jones, put on 80 before both were out in the space of three overs. Wright's innings of 41 included one enormous six off Ramanayake, Sri Lanka's best bowler.

Martin Crowe, who with Patel took the score to 167, made an elegant 52 from 68 balls before he was brilliantly caught off Labrooy by Aravinda de Silva, who flung himself to his left at mid-wicket.

Sri Lanka's innings had begun disastrously when Mahanama, trying to avoid Morrison's fourth delivery, succeeded only in diverting the ball into his stumps. Ranatunga, who made 35 from 51 balls with five fours, was the only batsman at the top of the order to look comfortable and it needed a sixth-wicket partnership of 52 in 40 balls between de Alwis and Ratnayake to give the score a look of respectability. Having driven Chatfield for six Ratnayake was caught at mid-wicket next ball, leaving Chatfield with the final word.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama b Morrison	0
A P Gurusinha run out	23
P A de Silva c Blain b Chatfield	5
A Ranatunga c Blain b Snedden	35
R S Madugalle c M Crowe b Morrison	13
H P Tillekeratne lbw b Snedden	0
†R G de Alwis c Patel b Bracewell	32
J R Ratnayake c Wright b Chatfield	41
G Labrooy c Patel b Chatfield	3
A de Silva b Chatfield	6
C P Ramanayake not out	11
Extras (lb-3 w-2)	5
Total (48.2 overs)	174

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0, 2-14, 3-40, 4-76, 5-76, 6-82, 7-134, 8-147, 9-159.
BOWLING: Morrison 10-2-43-2; Hadlee 9-4-12-0; Chatfield 9.2-1-32-4; Bracewell 10-0-41-1; Snedden 10-1-43-2.

NEW ZEALAND

J G Wright c Mahanama b Ramanayake	41
A N Jones c and b Ramanayake	34
M D Crowe c P A de Silva b Labrooy	52
D N Patel c de Alwis b Ratnayake	29
†T E Blain not out	5
*J J Crowe not out	6
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 4)	11
Total (4 wkts, 48.4 overs)	178

R J Hadlee, J G Bracewell, M C Snedden, D J Morrison and E J Chatfield did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80, 2-82, 3-167, 4-167.
BOWLING: Ramayake 9.4-0-40-1; Labrooy 10-1-37-1; Ramanayake 10-2-28-2; A de Silva 10-1-17-0; Ranatunga 5-0-27-0; P A de Silva 4-0-22-0.

WORLD SERIES CUP STANDINGS

	P	W	L	Pt	Rate
New Zealand	2	2	0	4	4.16
Australia	2	1	1	2	4.80
Sri Lanka	2	0	2	0	3.42

Selectors have an easy task

By Ian McLauchlan

The Scottish selectors had few problems to solve when they gathered to pick the team, to be announced today, to play Ireland in Dublin on January 16.

Unlike England's trial, the one at Murrayfield went very much according to plan. Despite poor weather conditions the players, particularly those in the senior side, produced a top-class display of attacking rugby, which augurs well for the season ahead and almost guarantees that Scotland will again be a resourceful and entertaining side. If the backs can be provided with good ball, they will score tries.

Behind the scrum only the left wing position is in doubt, and even that is a straight choice, between the uncapped Renwick and Tukalo. The former, a fine player, is a creator as well as a scorer of tries. Tukalo is certainly faster and more elusive and I would plump for him for his pace and experience.

Sole, Callander and Rowan will form the front row, and they will probably be locked by White and Cronin, with the back row made up of Calder, Paxton and Jeffrey, although I would be tempted to pair White and Paxton at lock and bring Turnbull into the back row.

Paxton injured a shoulder on Saturday, did not train on Sunday, and is doubtful for his club next weekend. He is already short of match fitness and any further problems could well allow Gray to partner Cronin in the second row, with White dropping back to No. 8. I consider White to be probably the best back row player or lock at present available.

In all probability, the selectors will spend most time on choosing the replacements. Of those important players currently injured Wyllie will not play again this season while Rutherford, the eternal optimist, claims to be starting his second comeback on January 16. Given the amount of work he has done, this would seem rather unrealistic and I would doubt if we will see him in top class rugby until late in the season.

Iain Milne admits to having a lot to do as he has "put on a little weight" but hopes to return on the day of the international. For both he and Rutherford it is important that they should be patient, ensuring that they are fully fit before submitting themselves to a serious test.

● Roy Laidlaw and Jeffrey have been invited to represent a World XV in the Australian bicentennial match, in Sydney in May.

Halliday back

Simon Halliday, the England centre who missed last week's England trial because of recurring hamstring trouble, is expected to return for Bath on Saturday, away to London Welsh. Halliday plans two training sessions this week.

Referee of stylish authority

By Gerald Davies

Gwynne Walters, one of the finest and most respected of modern rugby referees, died on January 1. He was going about his duties as the Llanelli club's treasurer during the match against Swansea when he felt the first threatening pains in his chest. He was taken to hospital and, in the dawn of the New Year, he had a final heart attack.

It is often understood, although the ease with which it is repeated only serves to deceive, that the best referees are those whose presence is hardly noticed, almost anonymous in their quiet influence. You were never unaware of D Gwynne Walters, nor are you of the best referees.

There were first of all, in his case, the contrasts. Among the slab-sided, broad-brimmed mankers, he cut a diminutive figure. Whereas, all around, roar and rude noise prevailed, his high-pitched tenor laid down the law. Whereas the muddied, dishevelled giants ran their course, Walters was spruce and fastidious; indeed, his dress became his hallmark.

His wavy hair was always immaculately in place. The overall impression – once the final whistle blew and no time for a shower – was that of an innocent choirboy off to the stalls for evensong.

All this belied his brilliant and authoritative refereeing, playing the advantage law to the full. He fitted perfectly into the ambience, then, of the Oxford and Cambridge match. In fact, at one time, it seemed he had become as permanent as the fixture itself and that his absence would be as out of place as if one of the universities themselves failed to turn up. He took charge of seven all told.

The match that will forever come to symbolize his strong will and authority, however, was that between France and South Africa in 1961. It was, in sporting jargon, a grudge match. The prospect was fearsome and the intention brutal; the scrum defined the battlefield – on one side towered du Toit and Kuhn, of the Springboks, on the other stood Roques and Domenech.

Finger-wagging, after it had first spilled over, he held them apart and said that he was prepared to send off each man in turn even if it meant, finally, that he was left on his own. The game was played out to the full to a scoreless draw.

He was the world's best referee. The only voice of dissent came from the 1963 All Blacks; after Walters had been in charge of the only match they lost, by a drop goal to Newport, he was not asked to control any of the international matches for the tour. His record of 21 international matches, shared with Kevin Kelleher, of Ireland, was only recently, in an age of increasing international activity, overtaken by Clive Norling.

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Twickenham final for new under-15 event

The Rugby Football Schools Union is to run a national under-15 knockout competition which it believes to be the first of its kind, at this age level, anywhere (David Hands writes). The competition will be sponsored by the *Daily Mail* and the final will take place at Twickenham as a curtain-raiser to the county championship final on April 9.

Teams have been entered from 32 counties and the four semi-finalists will meet on April 7 at the Stoop Memorial ground. First round games (drawn on a geographical basis) are due to be played by the end of this month with subsequent rounds by February 28 and March 21.

"It was decided to make the tournament for boys under 15 to avoid clashing with O level exams," Ron Tennick, the RFSU secretary, said. "Several schools who normally only play rugby for one term have extended their activities so they can take part, which is encouraging, while Kent, who have run a tournament at this level for years, have had an extra 40 entries this season because of the Daily Mail Schools Rugby Cup."

Each county has devised its own method of establishing which school will represent them.

FIRST ROUND DRAW: Dame Allan (Northumberland) v Durham; Cockermouth (Cumbria) v Rossall (Lancs); Wirrall (Cheshire) v Bradford (Yorks); Bedford (Midlands) v Baldake (Warwicks); Lichfield Friary (Staffs) v Old Swinford Hospital (Worcs/Herefordshire); Manor or Minster (Notts) v Stamford (Lincs); King Edward VI, Camp Hill (Greater Birmingham) v Adams (Salop); Groby Community College (Leics) v Highfields (Derbys); King's Canterbury (Kent) v St Joseph's College (Eastern Counties); London Oratory (Middlesex) v Guildford RGS (Surrey); Dalomeads (Sussex) v St John's College (Hants); Richard Hale (Herts) v Royal GS (Bucks); Wellington College (Berks) v St Edward's (Oxon); St Bede's (Glouc) v Bishop Wordsworth (Wilts); Wellington (Somerset) v Purbeck (Dorset); Richard Lander (Cornwall) v Grenville College (Devon).

Wanderers complain

Glamorgan Wanderers have written to the Welsh Rugby Union asking for an explanation of reports that they are to be banned from the Schweppes Cup.

The Wanderers are unhappy to have been cast as villains for protesting about an infringement of rules by Tredegar in an earlier tie, in an incident that has developed into a long-running saga.

A statement from Wanderers yesterday read: "The club has refrained from making any previous statement, only that we would abide by the decision of the WRU.

"However, when the result was given, we did publicly express our surprise and stated we would be writing to the WRU for clarification of how the decision was arrived at."

The statement goes on: "We are dissatisfied at the way the WRU arrived at its decision. Information was received by the club from an officer of the WRU and put to the committee on December 15 indicating that neither Tredegar nor Wanderers would proceed further in the competition this season.

"That meeting was called off as a result of that information and obviously had a bearing of the statement put to the Press and the WRU.

"As a result it seems that by adhering to the rules we have been made out to be the guilty party," the statement concluded. Although Wanderers now regard the matter as closed they feel badly let down by the WRU and are unhappy with the way Tredegar conducted their appeal.

Leicester game reduced in status again

By David Hands

For the second time this season the Courage Clubs Championship match between Leicester and Gloucester has been reduced in status.

The original fixture, on December 5 at Welford Road, was demerited by Gloucester because of representative calls; now Leicester, the first division leaders, have acted similarly over Saturday's game at Kingsholm because five of their players will be required for squad training by England.

Gloucester lose only Kevin Dunn, their hooker, to England. Now the two clubs must decide, within 14 days, when the league game is to take place and officials will discuss that subject on Saturday.

Technically, I imagine, the game should be played at Leicester because the fixture was originally scheduled for Welford Road (Leicester, despite having had enough absentees themselves to downgrade the match if they wished, won the December game 19-12).

However Terry Tandy, the Gloucester secretary, points out that there is nothing in the regulations to stipulate this, though he admits that logically it should be so.

Steve Kenney returns at scrum half for Leicester, after missing the last three weeks with a knee injury. Paul Burnell is also selected at prop after spending most of December with the Anglo-Scots in the McEwan's inter-district championship.

Bout is delayed

Bonn (Reuter) – The European lightweight boxing title bout between champion Gert Bo Jacobsen, of Denmark, and the challenger Rene Weller, of West Germany, has been put back from February 6 to March 5.

WINTER SPORTS

Press want to keep out of harm's way

Calgary (Reuter) – Commentating at next month's Winter Olympics could be a risky business judging by ABC's latest request to the organizers of the Games.

The US television network has asked for bullet-proof glass to protect broadcasters working near the biathlon shooting range at the Canmore Nordic Centre.

ABC officials, who gave the Games a substantial boost by paying more than $300 million (about £159 million) for the American broadcast rights, are determined to reduce all risks.

They also want plexiglass installed at positions in the Saddledome – venue of the ice hockey competition – to protect commentators from unruly spectators.

Rene Smith, the organizing committee spokeswoman, said of the bullet-proof glass: "I think they're concerned about stray bullets and ricochets."

Yet the Canmore commentary booths are set well back from the shooting range directly behind firing positions – and spectator terracing.

The network also wants organizers to move power lines and trees obscuring camera angles at the bob and luge run and to make the interior of the speed skating oval less stark.

Schneider holds off French challengers

Tignes (Reuter) – Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, the reigning world giant slalom champion, regained her supremacy in the discipline yesterday as the World Cup resumed after the Christmas break.

Schneider, aged 23, recorded her first win of the season with a second-fastest time in the first leg and the quickest in the second for a combined time of 2min 33.68sec.

But the French team was close behind with Catherine Quittet leading after the first leg and finishing second overall in 2:33.83, with compatriot Carole Merle third in 2:34.82.

For Schneider, holder of both the World Cup and world championship giant slalom titles, it was the second time this season she has had to battle with Quittet for dominance in the technically demanding event. Quittet outpaced the defending champion in the first giant slalom of the season two weeks ago at Piancavallo, Italy.

Schneider said after the race she had lacked confidence this season but was now truly on her way back to the top of the ladder. "I had to wait rather long this year before winning," she said. "I needed a victory badly to regain that edge of aggressiveness you need to reach your limits."

Michela Figini, also of Switzerland, who leads the overall World Cup standings with 104 points, finished fourth.

Debbie Armstrong, of the United States, making a comeback after an injury late last year, fell on the last and steepest stretch of the second leg. The same fate befell Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa, the Spanish slalom specialist, who crashed at the penultimate gate in the second leg after clocking an excellent intermediate time and taking third place in the first leg. Fernandez-Ochoa dropped a place in the overall standings. She has 75 points, six behind Wachter.

The women race again over the same course today in an event shifted from the Swiss resort of Les Diablerets, where there is a shortage of snow.

RESULTS: Giant slalom: 1, V Schneider (Switz), 2mn 33.68sec; 2, C Quittet (Fr), 2:33.83; 3, C Merle (Fr), 2:34.82; 4, M Figini (Switz), 2:35.12; 5, A Wachter (Austria), 2:35.37; 6, M Sveti (Yug), 2:35.63; 7, M Wallisser (Switz), 2:35.68; 8, M Kiehl (WG), 2:36.06; 9, M Gerg (WG), 2:36.19; 10, C Guignard (Fr), 2:36.23; 11, C Schmidhauser (Switz), 2:36.65; 12, K Stotz (WG), 2:36.78; 13, M Tiaika-Mogore (Fr), 2:36.92; 14, J Kindl (Liech), 2:37.08; 15, C Kinshofer-Guetlein (WG), 2:37.24. Overall standings: =1, Quittet and Schneider, 45pts; 3, Figini, 27; =4, Sveti and Merle, 22. World Cup standings: 1, Figini, 104pts; 2, Wachter, 81; 3, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 75; 4, Schneider, 69; =5, S Wolf (Austria) and B Oertli (Switz), 66.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Rose appeal is allowed

By Keith Macklin

One of the players who was fined £100 by the management committee, following the York v Dewsbury match, has won his appeal against the punishment.

Tony Rose, the Whitehaven forward who was on loan to York at the time, has had the fine quashed after being found not guilty of being involved in the brawl.

The appeals committee, which met in Leeds yesterday, considered verbal evidence from witnesses in addition to Rose's own statement.

Neil Turner, one of the fastest men in the second division, is the subject of a tug-of-war between Oldham and Castleford, both of whom have made offers to Turner's club, Doncaster.

Oldham have bid £20,000, remembering Turner's outstanding try-scoring performance against them in a League game last month. Castleford have offered cash, plus a player exchange deal.

Swinton have complained to Widnes about an alleged illegal approach by the Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, to Joe Grima, Swinton's New Zealand front row forward.

Tony Barrow, the Warrington coach, who is already the centre of proposed disciplinary action against the Warrington and Wigan clubs following the mêlée on New Year's Day, has been called before the management committee to answer a disrepute charge concerning another match. He has been reported by the referee, Fred Lindop, for allegedly abusing him after the Warrington v Bradford Northern game on December 20.

● David McFarland, the New Zealand forward, has been released by Swinton after just eight senior games since being signed from the Auckland club, Ponsonby United.

BADMINTON

Yang feels the strain of too many victories

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A hectic competitive schedule and a bout of influenza has Yang Yang, of China, the world champion, worried about retaining his men's singles title in the World Grand Prix finals starting today.

Yang, the top seed, is feeling the strain after winning the singles in the China national games and leading China to victory in the Asian team championships last month.

"I'm not feeling well and I really need a good long rest," Yang said after a practice session yesterday.

The European challenge is headed by Morten Frost, of Denmark, the All-England champion, who is out to halt a run of defeats at the hands of Yang.

The women's singles competition is effectively about which Chinese player will be crowned champion on Sunday – Han Aiping, the world title-holder, or Li Lingwei.

Novel lane system for Crew Search finals will give yachting added television appeal

Future successes heave into view

THE TIMES James Capel CREWSEARCH

By Barry Pickthall

The Royal Yachting Association's nationwide Crew Search for new talent to spearhead Britain's continued success in the world of off-shore and ocean-racing became a central topic at the preview to the London Boat Show at Earl's Court yesterday when Bill Edgerton, the RYA's off-shore coach, unveiled plans to turn the finals of this scheme into a major television promotion for the sport.

The Crew Search scheme, sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel, the investment house, has already attracted more than 500 applicants for the 10 regional trials, which start in Torquay in April.

However, the RYA has agreed to test a novel idea conceived by Alan Green, the secretary of the Royal Ocean Racing Club, to examine the abilities of the 10 finalist crews over a specific course that will also provide an exciting spectacle suitable for television coverage.

Yacht racing is often ignored because it is perceived as a non-spectator sport. Yachts race off across the horizon and the finishing order rarely provides a clue to the eventual winners, who are judged by a handicapping formula based on their size and elapsed time.

In the Crew Search finals however, to be staged in The Solent in October, crews representing the 10 regions and classes will be racing identical Westerly cruiser racers over short windward-leeward courses with each boat having its own marks to round.

"The great advantage of this lane system is that racing will not become a procession at the marks, making it much easier to make a qualitative assessment of crew work as well as provide very close racing for spectators and TV," Edgerton explained yesterday.

The cut and thrust of the mass start is maintained and crews will be called upon to make a series of compulsory manoeuvres during each leg of the course, testing the ability not just of deck hands but navigators and tacticians, who must judge wind and tide to get their yachts in the best positions for each sail change or tack.

"The idea has a great deal of promise which could provide a suitable format for televised grand prix events in the future," Edgerton said.

The concept is bound to be raised at an international conference in London on January 14 organized by the International Yacht Racing Union, which has called race organizers, sponsors and the media together to discuss ways of raising the profile of this sport.

Crew Search is open to both men and women aged between 18 and 35 who already have some racing experience and aspire towards the top levels of the sport. Further details are available from the Royal Yachting Association at the London International Boat Show, which opens today and continues until January 17.



All aboard for Crew Search: From left, Bill Edgerton, off-shore coach of the Royal Yachting Association, and champion skippers Lawrie Smith, Eddie Warden Owen, Titch Blashford and Tim Law at the Boat Show (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

How to enter

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The event organizers and sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however caused to the competitor, as a result of taking part in the event or events.

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Send your entry to *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch Sports Desk The Times 1 Pennington Street London E1 9XN

CREW SEARCH TRIAL DATES

South-West
APRIL 16-17: Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay, Devon. Area skipper: Rodney Paterson.

South
APRIL 23-24: Island Sailing Club, Cowes. Area skippers: Harold Cudmore and Titch Blatchford.

Scotland
APRIL 30-MAY 1: National Sailing Centre Largs. Area skipper: Mike McIntyre.

North-East
MAY 14-15: Royal Northumberland Yacht Club, Whitley Bay. Area skipper: Laurie Smith.

Northern Ireland
JUNE 11-12: Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Bangor, Co Down. Area skipper: Graham Bailey.

Class Association Trial
JUNE 18-19: Solent. Area skipper: Tim Law.

East
JUNE 25-26: Royal Burnham Yacht Club, Burnham on Crouch. Area skipper: Chris Law.

Midlands
JULY 9-10: Whitby Sailing Club, Yorkshire. Area skippers: Joe Richards and Cathy Foster.

British Univs SA
AUGUST 13-14: Hamble. Area skipper: Derek Clarke.

Wales
SEPTEMBER 24-25: South Carnaervonshire Yacht Club, Abersoch. Area skipper: Eddie Warden Owen.

Crewsearch Final
October 21-23
Royal Ocean Racing Club, Hamble.

Epidemic of mud fever hits hunting

By Andrew Morgan

Outbreaks of mud fever and other skin disorders in hunting horses have reached their highest levels in 25 years, as a result of the prolonged wet weather.

Horses have been pulled out of meets of the East Midland hunts of Cottesmore, Quorn, Belvoir and Fernie, after being diagnosed as suffering from the ailment, which has the symptoms of chaffing and cracked skin.

The Gloucestershire hunts of Beaufort and Avonvale have also reported an increased number of horses with mud fever and cracked heels. Experts blame a lack of sunshine in summer to kill off skin bacteria and to build up vitamin D, to resist infection.

Nearly half of the 20 horses that Tom Barlow looks after for the Belvoir and South Notts hunts have contracted the ailment this year. "I have been involved with hunts for over 40 years and I have seen nothing like it", he said.

The area of the horse affected centres on the leg between the fetlock and hoof, more so on the hind legs, as well as the belly. The illness stems from the wet and sweat of up to three hours in the field, causing cracking, as well as from the cleaning down in the stables after the horses arrive back. White-legged animals are affected more than coloured.

Barlow added: "The wet weather means the horses need constant cleaning. We have used warm and cold water and varied the brushes but some are still breaking out in sores a few days later. I think hair-dryers may be one solution but some horses would probably still suffer."

Treatment consists of creams and lanolin, as well as antibiotics, but these are used sparingly in case the horse, needing treatment for a more serious ailment, has developed an immunity.

Mike Seckington, a veterinary surgeon in Oakham, Leicestershire, said: "This year is the worst I have seen in my 25-year career, with cases up 100 per cent. It started in October and it will take a period of much drier weather, even with much lower temperatures, before the situation improves".

John Owen, a veterinary surgeon treating horses in both the Beaufort and Avonvale hunts, said he had prescribed large amounts of mud fever cream. "Some owners are avoiding spotty horses in the field, thinking they might have ringworm. In fact, these skin conditions are not infectious at all".

John MacKenzie-Grieve, secretary of the Beaufort Hunt, added: "My own horse suffered slightly from mud fever but not sufficiently to miss a meet. If a summer is torrential, there is always a chance of skin disorders".

FOOTBALL: FAREWELL TO THE MAN WHO GUIDED CLUB THROUGH FIRE TRAGEDY

Bradford's chairman resigns

By Martin Searby

Stafford Heginbotham, who guided Bradford City through the aftermath of English football's worst tragedy, in 1985, yesterday resigned as chairman because of ill health.

Heginbotham, aged 54, has a weak heart and has been told he requires a transplant. A coronary attack last May has curtailed his activities at the club this season. He has sold his 75,000 shares to his fellow directors, Jack Tordoff, who takes over as chairman, Terry Fountain and David Thompson.

"I am unable to do the job to my satisfaction and until the question of my health has been decided I don't feel I am going to be in a position to do it as I would wish," he said yesterday. "There is nothing sinister or political about my decision. I am going totally of my own accord because I think the time is right."

His poor health forced him to give up his involvement with his toy firm and, although the former chairman will not admit it, many people feel that the horror of the fire which killed 56 people took its toll of the man who twice stepped in to save the club from bankruptcy. The effects on the city and the rest of football were far reaching and cannot fail to have affected him.

"I leave the club in good shape with money on deposit, a first-class stadium and on target for another year in profit," he said. "I am sad I cannot pilot Bradford into the first division but the club have their best chance of making it for more than 60 years."

Bradford were bottom of the fourth division when he first took over in 1965 and the charismatic chairman took over St George's Hall for a public meeting to raise money for the club. The move worked but only in the short term and he gave up the job when the team were back in the fourth division in 1973.

Eight years later he attacked the club's finances at a shareholders' meeting and when it went bankrupt at the end of 1983 he stepped in to form a new company and put the club back on its feet. The fire came on the day City were celebrating their return to the second division and the excruciating scenes of that May day have scarred many who witnessed them.

His last inspired act was to replace Trevor Cherry with the then unknown Terry Dolan and see his pride and joy riding high at the top of the second division. Peter Jackson, the former club captain, now with Newcastle, said: "He took over when no one else would and saved football in Bradford. You have to admire what he has achieved."

Act against thugs says Havelange

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Joao Havelange, the FIFA president, has urged government officials to put an end to hooliganism at football stadiums, saying referees can deter the violence on the field but never off it.

"We are concerned about the growing violence at football stadiums worldwide. But we must say referees only have the elements to control violence if it happens inside the field," the Brazilian told the *Jornal do Brasil* newspaper on Monday.

"As for off-the-field hooliganism, it is up to city officials to preserve the security of the spectators. If they are not capable of doing that, they should not authorize games to be held within their jurisdictions," Havelange stated.

For the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, Havelange said, each of the 52 matches will cost FIFA $1.2 million (about £660,000), adding up to total expenses of nearly $60 million.

MOTOR RALLYING

Drivers stretched beyond the limit

From Jeremy Hart
Hassi Messaoud

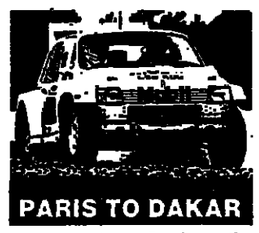
When details of the 1988 Paris to Dakar rally route were released, the experienced campaigners knew immediately that the good old days, when the opening Algerian stages allowed drivers to settle into a rhythm, were a thing of the past. Those that knew the region well expected the opening test to be exceptionally tough.

They were right. Yesterday's second leg took the survivors 495km further south from here to Bordj Omar Driss after organizers had been forced to extend the time limit for finishing the previous day with more than one-third of the field delayed by mechanical problems or desert sands. Of the 585 drivers who left El Oued on Monday, only 387 had arrived within the limit.

Ari Vatanen, fastest over the 540km stage, was one of the few leading drivers not to get stuck in one of the numerous sand dunes. "It was perhaps a bit too difficult," he said. "I don't know how the trucks are going to make it through."

Patrick Tambay, the former Formula One driver, had been among the day's early pacesetters with his Camel Racing Service Range Rover before falling victim to the treacherous dunes. "Everything was going fine until I came across three motorbike riders stranded on a crest and blocking my path. I braked and immediately found myself soundly stuck. It took us 15 minutes to dig our way clear."

Despite the incident, Tambay was fourth fastest behind Vatanen, Pierre Lartigue, the Mitsubishi driver, and his Camel team colleague, Patrick Zaniroli.



Zaniroli had a scare on the relaxed run down from Algiers to the first overnight camp on Sunday when the fly-wheel retaining bolts sheered some 100km from the El Oued.

More than one leading crew lost time both getting stuck and going off-route. Andrew Cowan, of Britian, and the Japanese driver, Shinozuka, took turns in helping their respective Pajeros out of the sand before taking the wrong direction towards the end of the stage. The world champion, Juha Kankkunen, also went off-route with his Peugeot 205 T16, imitated by his team colleague, Henri Pescarolo, and Camel's Malcolm Smith.

RESULTS: First stage (El Oued to Hassi Messaoud): 1, A Vatanen (Peugeot 405), 1hr 51min 59sec; 2, P Lartigue (Mitsubishi), 1:54.53; 3, P Zaniroli (Range Rover), 2:06.24; 4, P Tambay (Range Rover), 2:07.38; 5, J Kankkunen (Peugeot 205), 2:08.57; 6, Andreetto (Mitsubishi), 2:15.00; 7, A Cowan (Mitsubishi), 2:16.31; 8, Dayak (Range Rover), 2:21.19; 9, H Pescarolo (Peugeot 405), 2:21.45; 10, Shinozuka (Mitsubishi), 2:22.00.

● Guy Huynen, of Belgium, who was in second place in the motorcycle division of the race, fell yesterday from his Suzuki and suffered two broken legs.

Directors head for terraces

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, said his directors will risk a soaking by joining their supporters in the open at Newcastle United on Saturday rather than sit in the directors' box.

Newcastle police have ruled that no Palace supporters can share the only covered stand at St James Park' for the FA Cup third round tie, so Palace's directors are refusing their seats. "We have nothing against the Newcastle club. They were quite happy for our genuine supporters to mix with their fans but the police have ridden roughshod over us," Noades said.

Newcastle are rebuilding their ground, so there is only one covered stand in use and the capacity has been cut to 28,000. An open golf-style temporary stand, seating around 1,300, has been erected and offered to Palace.

Palace protested when they were first told of the police decision and appealed to the FA for support. The FA made the match all-ticket but Noades believes that had "a club not as big as Newcastle" been involved the FA would have ordered the match to be moved to a neutral ground. He also claims the decision makes nonsense of the Government's call for club membership schemes.

"The Government is demanding we introduce membership schemes in football. These schemes are supposed to be interchangeable with one club's members allowed to attend games on opposition grounds.

"We have a membership scheme, Newcastle were happy to give seats in the covered stand to our members, yet the police say 'no'. The FA has allowed the police to dictate to them."

Despite these problems, Palace expect to sell most of their ticket allocation, on sale at the ground all this week.

Forest shocked by The Shay

By Martin Searby

FA CUP

Brian Clough yesterday took the Nottingham Forest first team squad to have a look at The Shay, the scene of Saturday's third-round tie with Halifax Town, to discover council workmen smothering the sodden pitch with four tons of sand.

An ironic twist was added when he was told that it had been specially imported from Nottingham to try to soak up the torrential rain that has fallen on west Yorkshire this week.

Tracked by a bevy of photographers and television camera crews, the manager was non-committal about the condition of the ground but his players were clearly taken aback by the decayed vastness of the stadium which will only be allowed to cater for 4,000 supporters.

Pearce, the Forest captain and England international full back, spent three years with Wealdstone in the then Alliance Premier League and knows something about football's unlovely settings.

"It's just as well we did come to look beforehand," he said. "Some of the lads would have got a shock on the day to see the state of the place. It is a long way below the standard of some non-League grounds and the pitch is a mess."

Webb, his fellow international, was more philosophical when he said: "If we want to win the Cup we have to come to these places and win but it won't be easy."

Clough took advantage of last night's Central League fixture at nearby Leeds to stop off for the 30-minute tour of inspection which also included the miniscule but homely dressing rooms. The Forest manager said: " It's going to be a tricky match for us. We've got an incredibly bad record in the FA Cup and we won't be expecting an easy passage."

Clough's joke about the visitors' dug-out backfired on him. He told reporters that he last sat in it 16 years ago when he came to The Shay with Brighton when the teams were in the third division. He said: "I think they've painted it since then." Then as he was talking he put his right hand on top of the dug-out — and got white paint all over it.

Rangers prepare for Yeovil at St Austell

By Dennis Signy

Queen's Park Rangers today begin their preparations for their FA Cup third round visit to Yeovil Town — by training on a sloping pitch in Cornwall.

Faced with the prospect of Yeovil's notorious Huish slope, Jim Smith, the Rangers manager, accepted an invitation from St Austell, the Jewsons South-Western League club, to use their facilities at Poltair Park.

Peter Beard, the St Austell secretary, rang Smith when the draw was made to say that his club's pitch was similar to Yeovil's. "It slopes from side to side, from wing to wing," he said last night.

Rangers, whose last game was at Highbury, travelled west yesterday and will train at Poltair Park this morning, tomorrow and Friday. They will provide the glamour of the Cup in their training sessions for St Austell, who do not even bother to enter the competition.

Beard explained: "We do not have floodlights and cannot afford the expense of entering. If there was a replay the players would have trouble getting time off."

This season St Austell entered the FA Vase for the first time and progressed to the third round before losing to Shortwood United, a side from Gloucestershire. "That has put us behind with our League fixtures," Beard said.

Yeovil have rewarded their manager, Brian Hall, aged 47, with a three-year contract. Hall is expected to sign until 1991 after Saturday's match. He originally took the job on a non-contract basis after joining Yeovil from Wealdstone because he was still in the Metropolitan Police. He has since left the force.

Clemence sets himself for Oldham game

Ray Clemence, the former England goalkeeper, hopes to be fit to play in the Tottenham Hotspur side against Oldham Athletic in their FA Cup third round tie on Saturday.

Clemence, who has been sidelined since the beginning of October with leg injuries, made a return in a 1-1 draw with Leyton Orient reserves yesterday. He said: "Hopefully, with two or three days more training, I should be all right ."

Meanwhile, Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, will learn within the next fortnight whether he is to be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Venables has written to the FA about comments he is alleged to have made after his team's single goal defeat by Charlton on December 13.

Venables was upset over referee Ray Lewis's refusal to disallow the Charlton goal after Parks, the Tottenham goalkeeper, sustained a kick in the face from Williams.

Archibald sets up charity game in Spain

Steve Archibald, instead of training with Blackburn Rovers yesterday, was back in Barcelona organizing an all-star charity match which was to have been at Wembley but has been switched to Spain. "I expect him to get in some training while he's over there," Don Mackay, the Blackburn manager, said.

● **Bristol Rovers**, who play their *home games at Bath City's* ground, will return to Bristol within two years, according to Denis Durnford, their chairman.

● Don Masson, who captained **Notts County** from the fourth division to the first, has returned to Meadow Lane to take charge of the club's sports complex.

● Brian Flynn, the **Doncaster Rovers** and former Wales midfield player, cracked a rib during last Saturday's 4-3 home defeat by Wigan Athletic and will be unavailable for at least a month.

● Dick Walker, the former West Ham United centre half, has died, aged 75. He played nearly 300 League games for the club between 1934 and 1953 and was later chief scout at Tottenham.

● Miika Jantunnen, a Finnish international, joined **Oldham's** Cup squad yesterday. The midfield player wrote to the club on the advice of Sammy McIlroy, formerly of Manchester United, and was invited over for a month's trial.

● Tony Caldwell, the **Bristol** City forward, has joined Chester on a month's loan. The move could become permanent if he is successful.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Igls	0	5	worn	varied	closed	fine	2
New snow on an icy base at Axamer							
St Anton	40	140	fair	powder	fair	fine	1
Worn patches on many slopes							
FRANCE							
Megève	10	30	fair	new	closed	fair	2
Two baby lifts open at present							
Morzine	5	20	fair	heavy	closed	fair	5
Good skiing in Avoriaz							
La Plagne	75	130	good	powder	good	fine	2
Powder on hard base							
Tignes	65	135	good	powder	good	snow	–5
New snow on good base							
Val Thorens	45	95	good	heavy	good	snow	–5
Generally good skiing							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	20	40	good	powder	closed	fine	0
Very good skiing most areas							
Mürren	5	50	good	heavy	closed	fine	2
Excellent snow above 2,200m							
Wengen	5	20	fair	varied	closed	fair	3
New snowfall on wet base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, middle runs and lower runs, very little or no snow; vertical runs, 100ft; snow level, 3,600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glenshee, Glencoe and Lecht: insufficient snow for skiing. Forecast for today: all areas, sunny intervals and scattered snow showers; light winds; freezing at all levels. Outlook for tomorrow: similar.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

FRANCE	L	U
Alpe d'Huez	35	170
Les Arcs	25	95
Barèges	15	25
Chamonix	10	40
La Clusaz	10	80
Les Contamines-Montjoie	10	50
Courchevel	43	100
Les deux Alpes	20	180
Flaine	20	130
Les Gets	10	15
Meribel	5	80
Montgenèvre	45	60
Val d'Isère	80	105
Valloire	10	65

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

YUGOSLAVIA	L	U
Kopaonik	0	23
Kranjskagora	0	10
Lake Bohinj	0	55
Sarajevo	0	64

● Information supplied by the Yugoslav National Tourist Office.

SQUASH RACKETS

Parke loses home base

By Colin McQuillan

Simon Parke, won the under-16 title at the NatWest British Open junior championships, last night, beating Stacey Ross, of Surrey, 9-6, 9-4, 9-8 in 51 minutes, but will today be contemplating that oldest of sporting adages about winning some and losing some.

While Parke was competing in both the under-19 and under-16 events at Lambs Club, London, happily working his way through 10 matches in four days, his national league team, Dewsbury Central, was in the process of withdrawing from the American Express Premier League first division.

Under new ownership this season, the Wakefield club has abruptly decided to convert its squash showcourt to indoor cricket and thus no longer fulfils minimum facility requirements for national league play.

Firmly anchored at the foot of the league table with only eight points from eight games, Dewsbury's withdrawal will scarcely cause a ripple in the league competition. All results from the first half of the season will be erased and a new points table calculated today.

More importantly, several significant players will be barred from further participation in this season's league by registration rules, Parke among them.

Chris Dittmar, of Australia, ranked third in the world, was top foreign player for Dewsbury, with his countryman Tristan Nancarrow and Anders Wahlstedt, the Swedish No. 1, also registered. All would have regarded the second half of the season as ideal preparation for the British Open in April.

For Parke, a Yorkshireman, aged 15, the loss is more fundamental. It was league matches that honed his game to under-16 dominance and under-19 competitive standing.

FOR THE RECORD

SWIMMING

ADELAIDE: International meeting: Men (Australian unless stated): 200m freestyle: 1, T Stachewicz, 1min 51.22sec; 2, S Lodziewski (EG), 1:52.40; 3, D Richter (EG), 1:52.65. 50m freestyle: 1, J Woithe (EG), 23.69; 2, A Jameson (GB), 23.85; 3, D Stewart, 24.16. 200m backstroke: 1, D Richter (EG), 2.00.89; 2, C Wilson, 27.42; 3, S Upton, 27.95. 100m breaststroke: 1, R Hannerpan (EG), 1:05.30; 2, I McAdam, 1:06.27; 3, P Lee, 1:06.84. 1,500m freestyle: 1, S Pfeifer (WG), 15:25.80; 2, M McKenzie, 15:48.19; 3, J Plummer, 15:53.62. Women: 200m butterfly: 1, S Pura (Rom), 2:11.05; 2, K Nord (EG), 2:11.33; 3, M Johnston, 2:14.75. 200m backstroke: 1, C Sirch (EG), 2:12.64; 2, A Patrascioc (Rom), 2:13.50; 3, N Livingstone, 2:13.54. 200m individual medley: 1, K Nord (EG), 2:18.14; 2, P Downes, 2:19.08; 3, A Stoyanio (Rom), 2:21.15. 50m freestyle: 1, T Costache (Rom), 26.06; 2, K Otto (EG), 26.49; 3, L Copani (Rom), 26.63. 4x100m freestyle relay: 1, Romania, 3:52.85; 2, Queensland, 3:56.58; 3, Australia 3:56.16.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (BNL): Edmonton Oilers 2, Boston Bruins 2. New York Rangers 5, St Louis Blues 2. Vancouver Canucks 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 7 (h OT); Los Angeles Kings 6, New Jersey Devils 3.

TENNIS

AUCKLAND: Benson and Hedges tournament: Men's singles, first round: C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; B Dyke (Aus) bt S Stewart (NZ), 6-3, 7-5; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt S Meszaros (Japan), 6-3, 6-4; R Krishnan (Indo) bt T Bombelles (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; M Schapers (Neth) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-3, 6-4; P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Cassaby (USA), 6-3, 6-4; D Goldie (US) bt A Moroz (WG), 6-4, 6-1; J Bates (GB) bt W Scanlon (US), 6-3, 6-3; J Pugh (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-6.

ATP MEN'S EARNINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, S Edberg (Swe); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, J Connors (US); 5, B Becker (WG); 6, M Mecir (Cz); 7, P Cash (Aus); 8, Y Noah (Fr); 9, T Mayotte (US); 10, J McEnroe (US).

WITA RANKINGS: 1, S Graf (WG); 2, M Navratilova (US); 3, C Evert (US); 4, P Shriver (US); 5, H Mandlikova (Cz); 6, G Sabatini (Arg); 7, H Sukova (Cz); 8, M Maleeva (Bul); 9, Z Garrison (US); 10, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG).

MIDDLESBROUGH: Pro-Kennex national winter circuit grand prix: C Campbell bt T Stewart 6-2, 6-2; J Cafky bt J Smithies, 6-1, 7-6.

SKIING

SCIRE CHEVALIER: English and Welsh Universities Championships: Team giant slalom: Men: 1, Kent, 227.01sec; 2, Manchester, 233.28; 3, UH London, 235.77; 4, Bristol, 239.27; 5, Birmingham, 245.11. Women: 1, London, 288.54; 2, Newcastle, 294.25; 3, Durham, 294.67; 4, Leeds, 296.60; 5, Birmingham, 297.68.

AABARNA, Sweden: Men's cross-country race (30 km): 1, G Svan (Swe), 1hr 25min 38sec; 2, J Ottosson (Swe), 1:28.53; 3, V Ulvang (Nor), 1:27.57.

SQUASH RACKETS

GLOUCESTER: Abbey National women's British junior (under-19) championships: Quarter-finals: D Vardy (Notts) bt L Charman (Sussex), 9-2, 9-0, 9-0; C Mee (Essex) bt R Marriott (Lincs), 9-10, 9-0, 9-4, 9-4; C Jackman (Norfolk) bt H Macfie (Surrey), 9-5, 9-5, 9-4; S Wright (Kent) bt J Leatherbarrow (Lancs), 9-2, 9-5, 9-3.

LEEDS: Read Rothwell invitation championships: S Hodgson bt S Carr, 6-8, 9-3, 2-9, 9-0, 9-5; S Bamford, bt K Child 9-3, 9-1, 10-8; M Brook bt A Nomikl, 9-1, 10-8, 9-2.

FOOTBALL

Monday's results.

FA TROPHY: First round replay: Barnet 2, Windsor and Eton 1. Second replay: Lincoln 3, South Liverpool 1; Bromsgrove 3, Blyth Spartans 2.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Charlton Athletic 5, Swindon Town 0.

HANTS SENIOR TROPHY: Second round: Havant Town 2, Farnborough Town 5.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Third round: Portsmouth 1, Watford 1.

Yesterday's results.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Postponed: Wigan v Rotherham; Notts County v Preston.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Millwall 2, Ipswich 3. Postponed: Fulham v Chelsea; Swindon v Charlton; Watford v Queen's Park Rangers.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Leyton-Wingate v Kingstonian.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 107, Utah Jazz 99; Los Angeles Lakers 133, San Antonio Spurs 115; Cleveland Cavaliers 122, Denver Nuggets 101; Philadelphia 76ers 122, Phoenix Suns 114; Houston Rockets 117, Dallas Mavericks 107.

Just the ticket

Wolverhampton Wanderers, the fourth division leaders, have been instructed to make their home game with Cardiff on February 6 an all-ticket match.

YACHTING

Conner sails on mission of goodwill

San Diego (AP) — A contract between Dennis Conner, the San Diego skipper who led Stars and Stripes to a 4-0 victory over Australia's Kookaburra III last year, and the Western Australian Tourism Commission is making waves in Australia, where sailors are furious at being shut out of the next America's Cup regatta. Western Australian state political leaders say they are reviewing the pact in the light of recent tacks by the San Diego Yacht Club.

The contract with the Western Australian Tourism Commission pays Conner an unreleased amount to promote the Australian state in the United States. He also is to market the Australian nugget, a gold coin produced by Goldcorp, a subsidiary of the Western Australian Development Corporation.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Dundee v Rangers .....

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Bradford; Sheffield United v Everton (7.30). Second division: Barnsley v Middlesbrough; Blackburn v Oldham; Darlington v Bolton; Scunthorpe v Mansfield; York v Newcastle.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v West Ham (at Tooting and Mitcham). Postponed: Watford v Queen's Park Rangers.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City v Shrewsbury.

FA TROPHY: First round replay: Boston United v Bangor City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Rhyl v Oswestry.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Kingsbury v Leatherhead. Second division north: Collier Row v Heybridge.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Second round: Worcester v Bedworth. Premier division: Shepshed v Burton.

WEST RIDING CUP: Third round: Farsley v Harrogate (7.15).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Metropolitan Police v Army (2.30); RAF v Civil Service (at RAF Halton, 2.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Llanelli v Aberavon (7.0); Rossiyn Park v Durham University (7.15).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Leicester v Calderdale; Solent v BCP London.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Indoor county match: Cambridgeshire v Buckinghamshire (at Cambridge Chesterton).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Super Bowl play-offs: Highlights of the wild card games. C4: 5.30 p.m.

CANOEING: Paddles up: International white water competition from Llangollen. BBC1: 3.20 p.m.

CURLING: Johnnie Walker Scottish championship from Perth. Grampian/Scottish TV: 10.35 p.m.

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic from Blackpool. C4: 2.0-5.0 p.m. ITV: 10.35 p.m.

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Silence after TCCB's inquest

By Alan Lee

Cricket's leading administrators yesterday questioned Mike Gatting, the England captain, on the alarming events of last month's Pakistan tour. The end of the five-hour meeting at Lord's, however, brought only a well-rehearsed silence and no verdict is expected until Friday.

Gatting appeared before the 10-man executive committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to explain the circumstances which culminated in his astonishing verbal duel with the Pakistani umpire, Shakoor Rana, and the subsequent loss of a full day's play in the second Test, threatening both the conclusion of the tour and future relations between the countries.

The committee, which is chaired by Raman Subba Row and includes the individual chairmen of all the TCCB's sub-committees plus three elected delegates, also considered an extensive and detailed report from Peter Lush, the tour manager.

Gatting's conduct will undoubtedly have brought a stern reaction from some members of the executive, which includes Peter May and Colin Cowdrey, two former England captains with an oft-stated distaste for dissent of any kind. The committee also wished to hear Gatting's version of various other contentions incidents during a thoroughly unsavoury series.

It is within the powers of the executive to recommend that Gatting's actions should cost him his job, or at least a heavy fine. Such a conclusion, however, would put the body at odds with its chairman, who assured the England team during his emergency visit to Pakistan that there would be no question of Gatting being removed from office.

Gatting, who is due to lead the England side off to New Zealand next week on the second stage of their winter adventures, is likely to hear today that his position is safe and that the Board's executive, while not condoning public dissent in any way, is now ready to add its weight to the growing call for a panel of international umpires. The findings of yesterday's meeting are to be circulated to all county club chairmen before they are made public.

Fast adds pressure on Imran

Lahore (Reuter) — Pakistani students threatened yesterday to go on hunger-strike to force Imran Khan, aged 35, to resume the captaincy of the national cricket team.

If a demonstration and march failed, four members of the "Bring Back Imran Khan Action Committee" would hold a 24-hour hunger-strike on January 11 and the day after, while four more would begin a fast to death, the students said.

The committee, based at the Government College in Lahore, told a news conference that it would start its campaign with a silent demonstration in the city on Friday.

If this failed to bring Imran, who retired from international cricket after last year's World Cup, out of retirement, the students would march to his house the following day.

The Board for Control for Cricket in Pakistan asked him to return to lead the side on this year's tour of West Indies. Javed Miandad, who took over the captaincy, has said he wants to give it up and concentrate on his batting. Imran has said he will remain in retirement.

MCC insures the Ashes for £70,000

The MCC has agreed to send the Ashes to Australia for the Bicentennial Test against England at the end of January.

The urn containing the Ashes will be sent to Sydney to be displayed during the match and the MCC are taking no chances, insuring cricket's most famous trophy for around £70,000.

A statement from Lord's yesterday morning confirmed that "providing secure transport arrangements" can be arranged, the Ashes will be sent to Sydney.

The New South Wales Cricket Association has guaranteed the security of the trophy while it is in Australia. It will be the first time the four-inch high urn has left Lord's for 60 years.

MCC secretary, Col. John Stephenson, would not comment on speculation that the Prince of Wales could take the Ashes with him when he goes to Australia on January 24 to attend the country's 200th birthday celebrations.

Nicholas goes off home with new hope in his heart

By Roddy Forsyth

Charlie Nicholas, Arsenal's unfavoured forward, yesterday ended what he called "a spell in the wilderness" at the Highbury club by returning to Scotland to sign for Aberdeen in a £500,000 deal which represents a record purchase for the Pittodrie club. Nicholas, aged 26, who made 19 appearances for Scotland, said that he had turned down offers from European clubs to move north again.

"It's good to be home," he told the throng of reporters at a hastily convened Press conference at Pittodrie soon after he had completed the obligatory medical examination late yesterday afternoon. If he felt any resentment over his recent treatment at Highbury where he had apparently disappeared from the manager George Graham's plans, Nicholas concealed his feelings.

"What's done is done," he said. "I've had a bad spell recently but now that it's over my targets are to rekindle my career with one of the top sides not just in Scotland but in Europe and to get myself back in the reckoning for the Scotland team."

Nicholas conceded that Arsenal's style of play had not suited his own approach but was careful to insist that he bore some responsibility for his less than successful four-year term in London. As for his popular image as Champagne Charlie, he claimed he was ready to kill off the impression of a playboy player, although he added: "If people insist on calling me by that name I'll just have to live with it."

The Aberdeen manager, Ian Porterfield, said: "This is a great deal for the club. I don't think we're taking a chance on Charlie. We kept tabs on him for some time and now it is the right moment to bring him here. We are a consistent team but we need a proven goal-scorer, especially one with the flair and class he can bring to the side.

"He will attract crowds and give us all an extra lift. If Charlie can produce the goods for us he will be the final piece in our jigsaw and I believe his qualities can help us to win the title."

Asked how Nicholas would be deployed, Porterfield replied with wry humour: "We won't play him in the midfield."

Nicholas is the latest in a lengthy list of signings which has reversed the former flow of talent from north to south across the border. His namesake, Peter Nicholas, a Welshman, joined Aberdeen from Luton Town last summer.

Although clearly short of full match fitness, he will play in Aberdeen's premier division match with Hibernian at Easter Road on Saturday. One interested spectator will be the Scotland coach, Andy Roxburgh. Nicholas last played for Scotland against England in the Rous Cup in May when he came on as a substitute and hit the crossbar with a powerful drive.

● John Wark, looking forward to a fresh lease of life with his former club, Ipswich Town, believes his new career in the second division will be short-lived. The former Portman Road favourite, speaking about his £100,000 move from Liverpool to the second division promotion contenders, reckons his exile from the top flight is temporary and that he can play his part in helping restore the glory days to the East Anglian club.

Wales bid turned down

Zurich (Reuter) — An attempt by Wales to change the qualifying rules for the four-team European groups in the 1990 World Cup has failed through lack of support from other competing nations.

The International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday that only three nations from the 12 canvassed in the three four-team groups supported Wales's request for the reintroduction of play-offs between the group runners-up.

The World Cup organizing committee decided last month that the group winners and the two runners-up with the best results would qualify for the final tournament in Italy. This meant the play-off system used in the qualifying competition for the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico was not being repeated.

Wales meet West Germany, The Netherlands and Finland in their four-team group and face the possiblity of failing to qualify for the 1990 finals if they finish as runners-up in the group. All 12 associations have now been notified that the system will remain unchanged.



If you want to get ahead, get a hat: Nicholas sporting the maxim at Heathrow yesterday

England to join in the Dublin party

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

England will play an additional international match this season — against Ireland in Dublin on April 23 — as part of the city's 1,000th birthday celebrations.

This will form the major part of the Irish Rugby Football Union's contribution to the festivities and full details about the game will be announced today from the Lord Mayor's Dublin residence, the Mansion House, by Paddy Madigan, the IRFU president.

England, of course, were Ireland's first international opponents, at the Oval in 1875, and were also the first country to play in Dublin, at the Leinster Cricket Ground, Rathmines, the following season.

The match will come a month after the conclusion of this season's five nations championship, in which England play Ireland at Twickenham on March 19, the last weekend of the championship. I understand that full caps will be awarded.

For England there is a practical reason for accepting the invitation, since it will be an additional outing for members of the party which will travel to Australia in May for an eight-match tour, including two internationals. Australia, too, are celebrating a birthday, though in their case only their 200th.

However at least two of England's leading clubs will be less than happy with the arrangement. The match in Dublin comes a week before the final of the John Player Special Cup and, whichever clubs should reach the final, it can reasonably be assumed that some of their players may be required by England.

In Ireland the Leinster, Munster and Connacht cup finals all take place the following weekend, so clubs who might have been looking to the fine tuning of their cup final XVs will have to bear the absence, once more, of their best players.

Taylor in argument with referee

By Steve Acteson

Dennis Taylor lost his composure but not the match as he completed a 5-3 victory over Peter Francisco to reach the last eight of the Mercantile Credit Classic snooker tournament in Blackpool yesterday.

Taylor compiled breaks of 42, 73, 67 and 84 to lead 4-1 against his South African opponent, Francisco replying with runs of 40 and 41 to pull up to 4-3.

Leading 65-0 in frame eight, Taylor became embroiled in a prolonged and largely one-sided argument with his fellow Ulsterman, Len Ganley, the referee, who called him for a miss after Taylor had failed to escape from a snooker behind the brown with four reds remaining.

It was a terribly awkward snooker — indeed Francisco later admitted that he was rightly proud of it — but Taylor's attempt to hit a loose red lying towards the baulk end while using the rest and playing with check side was deemed an unworthy effort by Ganley.

Taylor's response was to first argue and then to ask Ganley if he could have a second opinion from the tournament director, Paul Hatherell. Having later recovered his composure and his sense of humour, the world No. 8 quipped: "I asked Len if I could have a second opinion and he said 'yes, it was a miss.'

Taylor also briefly appealed to Francisco for support but to no avail. This was hardly surprising. Taylor failed again with his next attempt from the snooker and then gave away another 12 points in fouls, two in-offs and another snooker, before ultimately going through to the quarter-finals.

Taylor said: "How can you give a miss if the opponent needs snookers. If Len had thought about it for a moment he might not have made that decision and how often do you see me involved in arguments with referees?

"I've always rated Len as one of the top referees in the game and still do but I just thought he could have had another think about it."

Stephen Hendry made it a double defeat for the South African family pair when he beat Peter Francisco's uncle, Silvino, also by 5-3 after allowing a 4-1 lead to slip to a 4-3 advantage through overconfidence.

RESULTS: Fifth round: S Hendry (Sco) bt S Francisco (SA) 5-3. Frame scores (Francisco first): 69-8, 17-85, 22-71, 52-55, 30-65, 64-36, 101-18, 11-64. Dennis Taylor (NI) bt P Francisco (SA) 5-3. Frame scores (Taylor first) 67-56 0-98 91-5 68-10 88-10 16-72 19-82 71-24. Monday's late results: Fourth round: J Virgo (Eng) beat N Foulds (Eng) 5-3. Frame scores (Foulds first): 36-83, 40-70, 67-60, 68-30, 62-65, 71-40, 38-46, 0-70. M Clark (Eng) bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-2. Frame scores (Bennet first): 54-68, 36-82,49-68, 58-22, 85-37, 45-63, 18-86.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: 2.0: T Griffiths v B West; J Virgo v J Parrott. 7.15: M Clark v S Newbury; D Martin v J White.

Sedykh to be grilled over drugs

Yuri Sedykh, the double Olympic hammer champion, could face a drugs inquiry by the Soviet Union following weekend allegations by Martin Girvan, the British record holder.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) is to ask Soviet officials to investigate Girvan's claims that Sedykh gave advice on drug-taking in Britain.

"It is our duty to inform the Russian Athletics Federation of the claims and ask if there is any substance in them," John Holt, the IAAF secretary, said. "After all, Sedykh is not only the world record-holder in his event, but also a member of the IAAF athletics commission."

Sedykh was in Britain to lecture in a series of seminars when, allegedly, he was heard by Girvan to detail what drugs he was taking, when, and in what quantities.

Seoul acceptances increase

Sofia (Reuter) — Bulgaria and Poland yesterday announced that they will compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, reducing still further the likelihood of another Communist-led boycott of the summer Games.

Both countries joined the Soviet Union in refusing to attend the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, as did East Germany and Hungary, both of whom last month said they would go to Seoul. The Soviet Union indicated on Monday it too would compete this year. Yugoslavia also announced its entry yesterday.

Participation of Eastern bloc countries in Seoul in September had been in doubt since North Korea warned it might call for a communist boycott unless allowed to stage part of the Games.

More than 130 countries have so far accepted the International Olympic Committee's invitation to take part in the Seoul Games. The deadline for acceptances is January 17. Ivan Slavkov, the president of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee, said Bulgaria wanted to enable its athletes to regain contact with the world sports elite after an absence of eight years.

Another decisive factor for Bulgaria's acceptance was its candidacy to stage the 1994 Winter Olympics.

The Bulgarians called on the IOC president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, to continue attempts to bring North Korea into the Seoul Games set-up. The 1988 Games constituted a test for the Olympic movement and a question of honour for the IOC, Slavkov said.

Poland's participation was announced by the official news agency, PAP, while Czechoslovakia is expected to follow suit.

Devon prop's long ban

By a Special Correspondent

A Devon forward with 10 years' county experience, has been suspended for one and a half years after being sent off for the fifth time in his turbulent career. Trevor Harris, the Exeter tight-head prop, will be ineligible for the next 13 months in which rugby is played.

Harris, who had just rejoined Exeter from Bath when he was dismissed for the last time in December, cannot take the field again until September 1, 1989. He is contemplating turning to coaching, or even karate.

Aged 29, Harris denied that his last dismissal, in a second team game at Totnes, was for stamping. He said yesterday: "I'm still too upset about the hearing to think much about what I'm going to do, but I may take up karate.

"I would also love to do a bit of coaching. It would be a waste if I couldn't pass on some of the things I've learned, especially when I was at Bath."

Peter Summers, secretary of Devon's disciplinary committee, said: "Any sentence meted out on Trevor Harris was in strict accordance with the guidelines set out in the RU handbook."

Sibson seeks board consent

Tony Sibson yesterday pleaded for the support of British boxing officials in his world title bid on February 7 at Stafford's Bingley Hall. The Leicester middleweight risks losing his licence if he meets Frank Tate, of the United States, because the British Board is against the International Boxing Federation's (IBF) 15-round format.

Sibson said: "I'll be there not just for myself but for other fighters who could get the same chance in the future. This has got to be sorted out."

Frank Warren, his promoter and manager, says he too will defy the board if necessary. He has already gathered the support of 150 licence holders and their petition, to be presented in the next week, will force the board into calling a special general meeting.

Sibson, the British and Commonwealth champion, added: "I do not want to fall out with the board but this is my third and last chance of becoming a world champion and I am not going to throw it away because I could lose my licence. I just wish they would support me."

Warren called on the board to ballot members on whether they wanted to become affiliated to the IBF. "I know what the outcome would be," he said. "They say they will not allow 15-round fights on medical grounds but I have not seen any evidence that to go past 12 rounds is suddenly dangerous."

Robert Lee, the IBF president, may be coming to London next week and attempts could be made to resolve the situation. At the moment, the bout will go ahead without the board's blessing.

Warren is heading for further controversy in announcing that Tom Collins, aged 32, the Leeds light heavyweight who took the European crown from Alex Blanchard in November, is "99 per cent certain" to be competing for a world title on February 20.

That contest will be for the IBF championship held by Charles Williams, of the United States, and will also be fought over 15 rounds.

Collins was virtually unknown as British champion but his dethroning of Blanchard, of The Netherlands, suddenly brought him a chance of reaching the top.

At the time Blanchard was Europe's longest reigning champion and also rated No. 1 in the world, Trevor Callighan, Blanchard's manager, has already resisted a number of big-money offers for him to defend the European title in the hope of a world title chance. Now Warren is on the verge of staging the bout against Williams who became world champion a couple of months ago by stopping his compatriot Bobby Czyz.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Return of yellow card

Rugby League is to bring back the yellow card for a sin bin offence. The decision has been taken following some confusion with signalling.

A League official, David Howes, said last night that they had discussed the position with referees and had decided the yellow card would be a clear indication of the punishment. The cards will used immediately.

Setting sale

The sale of the National Sailing Centre at Cowes, Isle of Wight, is to go ahead now a suitable buyer has been found, the Sports Council said yesterday.

Davies favour

Huw Davies, the former England Rugby Union full back, will turn out at stand-off half as a favour to Wasps when he returns after a knee injury for Saturday's match at Llanelli.

Fast time

Daytona Beach (AP) — Mauro Baldi, of Italy, set an unofficial track record speed of 131.5mpb at Daytona International Speedway on Monday during practice for the SunBank 24-hour race later this month.



Bosch: down Mexico way

Bosch post

Hamburg (Reuter) — Gunther Bosch, the former coach of Boris Becker, said yesterday that he is to prepare the Mexican tennis team for their Davis Cup first round tie with Australia next month.

Cruyff doubt

Maastricht (AFP) — Johan Cruyff, who resigned as manager of Ajax Amsterdam on Monday, admitted he acted on the spur of the moment and would be ready to return.

Dancing on

Denver (AP) — Suzanne Semanick and Scott Gregory, the defending champions, skated to an easy victory in the compulsory ice dance on Monday night at the US Figure Skating Championships.

Big post bag

The Australian Rugby Union treasurer, John Howard, is among nearly 70 applicants for the post of full-time secretary of the International Board (AFP reports). The rest of the contenders, from Australasia, Canada, the United States and Britain, are unknown.

No worries

Melbourne (AP) — The Wimbledon tennis champion, Pat Cash, said yesterday that fluffy tennis balls were worrying him more than the threat of anti-apartheid protests at the $1.9 million Australian Open. "The only protesters I'm going to worry about are my opponents on the other side of the net," he said.

Sirch surge

Adelaide (Reuter) — Cornelia Sirch, of East Germany, overwhelmed a class field to win the 200m backstroke by almost a second in the second leg of an international swimming series yesterday.

Svan form

Aasarna (AFP) — Gunde Svan, of Sweden, showed Olympic form in winning a classical-style 30km cross-country skiing race here yesterday in 1hr 25min 38sec.

END COLUMN

Indians also suffered Shakoor

From Geoffrey Dean
Calcutta

As the TCCB conducts its inquiry into the events of the Pakistan cricket tour, Sunil Gavaskar, the former Indian captain, talks for the first time about his experiences with the Pakistan umpire Shakoor Rana

Interesting parallels can be drawn between the unhappy events in the recent Pakistan-England Test in Faisalabad, at which Shakoor Rana officiated, and Sunil Gavaskar's experiences when faced with the same umpire during the series between Pakistan and India in 1978-79.

It was at the same ground, in October 1978, that Shakoor wanted Gavaskar to apologize for swearing at him (as Gavaskar admits, they were "bad words, boy were they bad"). When Gavaskar refused, saying that he would "rather go home than apologize", Shakoor himself refused to come out to umpire on the final day.

The bad feeling in the Test had originated after Sarfraz, the fast bowler who was not known for his reticence, had kept up a "torrent of abuse" at the Indian batsmen, who were chasing a large Pakistan first innings score of over 500.

Gavaskar explains: "I ignored Sarfraz for most of the time as we had a tough job on our hands. But after he abused Viswanath, who was batting brilliantly, I asked Shakoor what he was going to do about Sarfraz's bad language. I got another burst from Sarfraz for that query and Shakoor just put his hands on his hips and laughed."

Gavaskar did not react to Shakoor's behaviour at this point but when, at the start of Pakistan's second innings, Mohinder Amarnath was given a warning (and not a friendly caution) for running on the wicket in the course of his very first delivery, Gavaskar decided that "this was a bit too much to take" for, while batting, he had seen both Sarfraz and Mushtaq follow through on the same area as Amarnath, and they had not even received a caution.

Gavaskar continues: "I ran from second slip to Bedi at mid-off, asking him if he realized that Amarnath had been issued a warning. Bedi, perhaps knowing the match was petering out to a draw, just shrugged his shoulders. Thereupon I asked Shakoor whether it was an official warning or just a caution that all umpires give to a bowler when he is running close to the prohibited area.

"All I got was a terse answer to go back to my position. I repeated the query, citing how Mushtaq and Sarfraz had got away with worse, and I got an even terser answer to go back. That was it! I let Shakoor have exactly what Sarfraz had said to us."

The game continued after Gavaskar's outburst for the remainder of that day but the following morning Shakoor refused to umpire without an apology from Gavaskar.

The game did eventually get under way after a 13-minute delay, when Gavaskar shook hands with Shakoor, but without proferring an apology.

Gavaskar, who retired from the international arena after the World Cup, having scored more Test match runs than any other batsman, still wonders why Shakoor did not report him or Mike Gatting to the authorities and leave it to them to take action.

He is also perplexed as to why Shakoor did not register his objections immediately after play finished, rather than waiting until the following morning. In Gavaskar's opinion, "it must have been a case of realizing that an Indian had abused a Pakistani, whilst in Gatting's case he realized that if he could not fashion a Pakistan victory, the least he could do was save the day for his country."

By way of a controversial conclusion, Gavaskar ends thus: "I am not surprised that the whole of Pakistan is proud of Shakoor. In the history of Pakistan cricket, he will rank along with Hanif, Zaheer, Imran and others for his 'contributions' to Pakistan cricket."

The bad feeling in the Shakoor-Gavaskar relationship did not, however, end with the handshake at Faisalabad. For in the next Test match, at Lahore, Gavaskar had reached 97 when he was given out by Shakoor, caught bat-pad at silly point, a decision he considers one of the worst he encountered in his lengthy Test career.

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